



Legislative Priorities

The purpose of Encompass is to support the well-being of children through partnership with their families and community. Our vision is a community where **all** children thrive. Our legislative priorities seek to support this purpose on behalf of children and families in the Snoqualmie Valley and surrounding areas.

Our priorities seek to **strengthen** the Human Services system through **fair** and **sustainable funding practices** that support vital services for young children and their families.

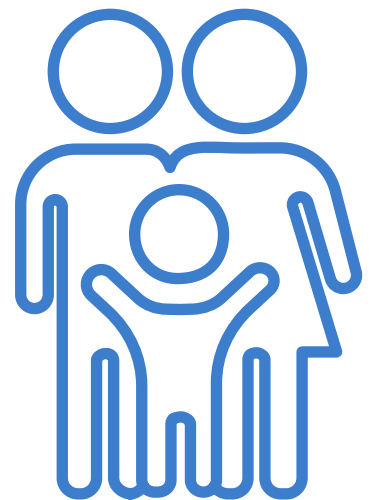
Save ECEAP

Restructure the ECEAP contract to fully fund program operations. Fully funding ECEAP is not only an investment in children—it is a proven strategy to reduce future public costs and strengthen community well-being.

Washington's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)

provides free, high-quality preschool and family support for low-income children ages 3 and 4. Established in 1985, ECEAP serves families with incomes at or below 36% of the state median—\$50,152 annually for a family of four. Eligibility may also be based on factors such as homelessness, family violence, chemical dependency, foster care, incarceration, developmental delays, or other special needs. **In Washington**

State, ECEAP is a guaranteed entitlement for eligible children, yet current funding falls far short of covering the full cost of program delivery. This gap forces providers like Encompass to raise substantial private funds to sustain services, placing preschool access for vulnerable children at risk.



Fair Human Services Government contracts that pay the full cost of the services it contracts on behalf of its citizens

The **Save Human Services** campaign is fighting for fair contracts that allow providers to deliver essential services sustainably ensuring Washington communities can thrive. Visit the website at [Savehumanservices.org](https://savehumanservices.org) for updates and more information. Read the [Impacts of Contracting Structures on the Sustainability of Human Services Providers Study](#) for a deep dive into the issue impacting the sustainability and impact of Human Services organizations.





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Increase Medicaid reimbursement rates to ensure equitable access to essential pediatric therapies.

Medicaid, known as Apple Health in Washington, provides health coverage for individuals with limited income and resources. Eligibility is based on income, household size, and specific groups such as children, pregnant women, and individuals with disabilities.

Current reimbursement rates for Apple Health are significantly below the actual cost of care, only paying **34%** of the actual cost at Encompass.

Encompass is the only provider in the Snoqualmie Valley accepting this insurance for pediatric therapies. At Encompass, approximately 35% of children receiving pediatric therapy—including mental health, early support for infants and toddlers (ESIT), speech, and occupational therapy—are covered by Apple Health.

To bridge the gap, Encompass must fundraise nearly \$100 per therapy session for Apple Health clients—an *unsustainable model*. If Encompass reduces or ceases acceptance of Apple Health, children with developmental delays, disabilities, or behavioral health needs will lose access to local care.



About Encompass

Through Early Learning, Pediatric Therapy, and Family Enrichment programs for children from birth through elementary and their families, Encompass has given thousands of children the foundation they need to get the right start—and thrive for a lifetime.

With locations in Snoqualmie, North Bend, and Carnation, plus a host of programs offered at community locations and in the home, Encompass supports children and families across the Snoqualmie Valley and greater Eastside.

Learn more at www.encompassnw.org

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