



CENTRALIA COLLEGE

# ECEAP...



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Lewis County's  
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he Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) is a "whole-child," comprehensive, family-focused preschool program designed to help three and four year old low-income children and their families prepare for and succeed in school. Because many factors affect

a child's learning ability and development, the program has four interactive components: Education, Health and Nutrition, Parent Involvement, and Family support.

This program was implemented by the Washington State Legislature in 1987.



## WASHINGTON STATE ECEAP IS LOCALLY DESIGNED

Each ECEAP program is different, designed to serve the unique needs of its particular community. ECEAP is administered at the state level by the Washington State Office of Community Development.

Currently, Lewis County has five ECEAP classrooms operated by Centralia College. Preschool sites are located on campus and in county school districts' preschools.

## ECEAP HISTORY AT CENTRALIA COLLEGE

Centralia College ECEAP was implemented in January 1992 with 18 funded slots. Since then, the program has expanded to serve 66 children and their families.

## CENTRALIA COLLEGE ECEAP IS COMPREHENSIVE

Centralia College ECEAP serves children and their families in Lewis County through these four components:

- Education: Children learn the skills and concepts they need to succeed in school
- Health: Children gain access to medical, dental, mental, and nutritional health services
- Parent Involvement: Parents are involved in their children's education in the classroom, through policy council, decision-making boards, advisory committees, advocacy groups, etc.
- Social Services: Families are linked to community services and resources

## CENTRALIA COLLEGE ECEAP SERVES AT-RISK CHILDREN

Most of our ECEAP children (90 percent) come from families living on an income that is at or below 110 percent of the Federal income poverty level. In addition, the program can fill up to 10 percent of enrollment with children who are at risk for such reasons as learning disabilities, neglect, abuse, or disabling conditions, regardless of family income.



## CENTRALIA COLLEGE ECEAP VALUES DIVERSITY

Cultural awareness is a vital component of all aspects of ECEAP. Children's family backgrounds are honored, and children learn about one another's family traditions in their classroom. Where English is not the common language, translating services are available.



## CENTRALIA COLLEGE ECEAP PROMOTES SUCCESS

Research shows that programs providing comprehensive quality services support children's developmental growth in emotional, social, physical, and intellectual areas. ECEAP programs must comply with strict state program standards. Centralia College has also been awarded accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children.

Working in partnership with parents, communities, and state and federal agencies, ECEAP is helping children and families realize a brighter future.



## Centralia College ECEAP offers free preschool and family services for eligible families based on family income and child's age



"El programa de ECEAP de Centralia College ha ayudado mucho a mi niña y estoy muy contenta por todo lo que ha aprendido. Ella sabe escribir su nombre y el de sus demás compañeros. Además le gusta mucho leer."

—ECEAP Parent

"ECEAP de Centralia College es un muy buen programa. Las maestras son muy amables. Me han ayudado bastante. Cuidan muy bien a los niños, y pienso que están bien protegidos. Además la nutrición es muy buena. Aunque no entiendo inglés me gusta convivir con los demás padres de familia."

—ECEAP Parent

"Centralia College ECEAP has done a wonderful job with my two children. The teachers and staff are great!"

—ECEAP Parent

"Centralia College ECEAP has been a very enriching program for my child. It is a positive and safe environment for a child to grow and learn in."

—ECEAP Parent

"My son really likes going to school at ECEAP. He likes both of his teachers. His outlook for school is better than it used to be, and I've seen a good change in him."

—ECEAP Parent

"ECEAP means a lot to our family. It's a really good program for kids. My son has learned a lot of really neat things and has progressed a lot. Thank you very much, ECEAP!"

—ECEAP Parent



ECEAP has been a priceless step for my whole family – from the lessons my four-year old has learned to prepare him for kindergarten to the lessons we have learned as parents in being able to nurture our child's precious first years. All the staff at ECEAP have truly provided a priceless service to my family, and I will always treasure my time with them.

ECEAP has taught my daughter a lot of things. It is a very good program for three- and four-year old children to get them ready for kindergarten. I have recommended ECEAP to a lot of people for their children. It is a clean, respectful environment for children. I think highly of the school and teachers and staff.

## PARTNERSHIPS

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## ECEAP

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