

**State of
Washington
House of
Representatives**



Task Force Child Care Improvements for the Future
Whitman College – Reid Campus Center Ballroom
345 Boyer Avenue, Walla Walla, WA
October 23, 2013
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Meeting Topics: Early Achievers and Tiered Reimbursement

2SSB 5595 Language and Charge: Address the following – The creation of a tiered reimbursement model that works for both consumers and providers and provides incentives for quality child care across communities.

AGENDA

1. Overview: Early Achievers: Creating a Framework for Quality **(30 minutes)**
Speaker: Juliet Morrison, Department of Early Learning, Assistant Director for Quality Practice and Professional Growth
 - a. Early Achievers Video for Stakeholders.
 - b. Early Achievers Pilot Study Key Findings.
 - c. Early Achievers Next Steps.
 - Training Resource Centers Contracts Fall 2013.
 - All ECEAP providers enroll in Early Achievers by 2015 (SSHB 1723).
 - WAC 170-296A-1725.
 - Other updates.

2. Presentation: Implementation of Tiered Reimbursement: The Cost of Quality **(60 minutes)**
Speaker: Anne Mitchell, Early Childhood Policy Research

3. Leveraging Quality **(20 minutes)**
 - a. Contracting for Quality Report
Speaker: Lynne Shanafelt, Child Care Administrator

4. Discussion: **(50 minutes)**
 - What is the best way to structure a tiered reimbursement model to maximize participation in Early Achievers for all providers (ECEAP, Head Start, and WCCC) and reward improved quality?
 - In addition to tiered reimbursements, are there other ways to incentivize participation in Early Achievers?
 - How can the state educate parents on the value of a quality early learning and care to increase buy-in for Early Achievers?

5. Public Comment.

