

Early Learning in Upper Yakima County

Looking for an early learning program can be confusing. In this brochure we provide some information to make it a little easier.

What is Early Learning?

Early Learning is a broad term that means early education experiences for young children. This may be in a classroom setting, it may be a parent/child activity in a library or community center or it may be a Play & Learn activity hosted at various sites. Anything that helps your child learn and grow in healthy ways is considered early learning.

What are my choices for early learning?

There are many formal early learning options—some are free and others require a fee. Examples include;

- Private preschool
- Faith-based preschool operated by churches
- School district preschool
- Child care centers
- State or federally funded preschool such as Head Start and the Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP) which is Washington's state-funded preschool program for 3 & 4 year-old children.

Resources

2-1-1

Call 2-1-1 to get the most up-to-date information on local resources.

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Fire, police, medical emergency

Child Care Check & Child Care Aware

Search for child care. Check quality rating and safety status of licensed child care programs.

<https://www.findchildcarewa.org/>

Child Protective Services (CPS)

Report suspected child abuse and neglect.

1-866-END-HARM

1-866-363-4276

DSHS

Emergency cash assistance (TANF), SSI, housing assistance, child care subsidy which helps families pay for child care services, and more.

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/>

Family Crisis Center, Women's Shelter YWCA

(509) 248-7796

1-800-562-6025

<https://ywcayakima.org/>

Washington State Department of Children, Youth & Families (DCYF)

<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/>

Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL)

<https://del.wa.gov/>

Yakima Valley Libraries

<https://www.yvl.org/>

Upper Yakima Co. Head Start & ECEAP



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PROGRAM OPTIONS

Families choose early learning programs based on their needs, interests and qualifying factors. Some families want a part-day program while others need full-time, year-round care to support work and school schedules. Our area is rich with many choices for families.

PRIVATE PRESCHOOL programs are often fee-based and operated by a variety of businesses.

FAITH-BASED PRESCHOOL programs are often fee-based and operated by churches.

SCHOOL DISTRICTS provide special education preschool services for students who qualify and some districts offer fee-based preschool programs.

LICENSED CHILD CARE PROGRAMS are operated by for-profit or not-for-profit companies or individuals and provide full-day, year round services. They may be in a child care center or a child care family home.

STATE OR FEDERALLY FUNDED PRESCHOOL programs include Head Start and Early Childhood Education & Assistance Program (ECEAP), Washington state's preschool program.

Head Start & ECEAP

In Upper Yakima County ECEAP and Head Start services are provided by Catholic Charities, ESD 105, EPIC and Selah School District.

Head Start and ECEAP programs are free to families that qualify. Families qualify based on;

- Low Income Status
- Homelessness
- Foster Care Placement
- Developmental Delay or Disability
- Receiving CPS , FAR services, TANF or SSI benefits

UPPER YAKIMA COUNTY ECEAP & HEAD START PROGRAMS

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ECEAP & CHILD CARE

- Growing Hope Child and Family Development Center, 5201 Tieton Drive, Yakima (509) 965-5575
- Carroll Children's Center, 5301 Tieton Dr, Yakima (509) 965-7100

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT 105 ECEAP

- Blossoms Early Learning Center, 411 N 4th St, Yakima (509) 728-9860
- Easter Seals Jane's House, 1101 S 13th Ave, Yakima (509) 574-4762
- Rainbow Kidz Early Learning Center, 1111 Swan Ave, Yakima (509) 452-5583
- Rainbow Kidz Early Learning Center, 3609 Tacoma St, Union Gap (509) 469-4812

EPIC ECEAP

- Ahtanum Elementary, 3006 S Wiley Rd, Yakima (509) 972-5505
- EPIC Place, 701 Superior Lane, Yakima (509) 248-3950
- East Valley, 408 E Seattle Ave, Moxee (509) 367-6481
- OIC, 1206 Fruitvale Blvd, Yakima (509) 571-1646

SEEDLINGS CENTERS FOR EARLY LEARNING (ESD 105/EPIC PARTNERSHIP): HEAD START, EARLY HEAD START, MIGRANT & SEASONAL HEAD START

- Seedlings Center for Early Learning Castlevale, 2902 Castlevale Suite A, Yakima (509) 594-4562
- Seedlings Center for Early Learning East Valley, 316 E Seattle Ave, Moxee (509) 594-4625
- Seedlings Center for Early Learning Fairview, 110 S Fair Ave, Yakima (509) 571-1981
- Seedlings Center for Early Learning Jefferson, 902 E Viola, Yakima (509) 594-4564
- Seedlings Center for Early Learning Tieton/Cowiche, 807 Tieton Ave, Tieton (509) 673-2109
- Seedlings Center for Early Learning Union Gap, 3201 4th St, Union Gap (509) 834-0945
- Seedlings Center for Early Learning West Valley, 1000 S 72nd Ave, Yakima (506) 406-2668

SELAH SCHOOL DISTRICT, ROBERT LINCE EARLY LEARNING CENTER ECEAP & DISTRICT PRESCHOOL

- Robert Lince Early Learning Center, 308 W Naches Ave, Selah (509) 698-8022