

WSA ADVOCACY GOALS 2008

ECEAP Funding

1. WSA supports an increase in the vendor rate so that ECEAP programs receive the same cost per child as the Head Start program.
2. WSA supports funding for “growth, planning, and development” so that programs can effectively absorb additional children. This may include facilities upgrades, temporary staffing for recruitment/enrollment, funds to lease more space, learning equipment, and books.
3. WSA supports funding for an additional 500 slots.

Income Eligibility for ECEAP

WSA supports raising the income eligibility for ECEAP from 110% to 130% in order to allow programs additional flexibility to serve working families.

Professional Development

WSA would like to see funding be made available for professional development. We propose a new scholarship program to assist Head Start and ECEAP staff in meeting mandated credentialing requirements.

Stable Child Care Subsidies

WSA would like to propose a “stable child care subsidy.” This child care subsidy would not be reduced or terminated if a family’s eligibility changed during the Head Start or ECEAP program year. Child care funding would be tied directly to the child and the amount of the subsidy would not be changed during the program year.

Increased Federal Funding for Head Start

WSA supports an increase of \$200 million for Head Start in fiscal year 2008.