

Commission on Native Children

Education and Early Childhood Development

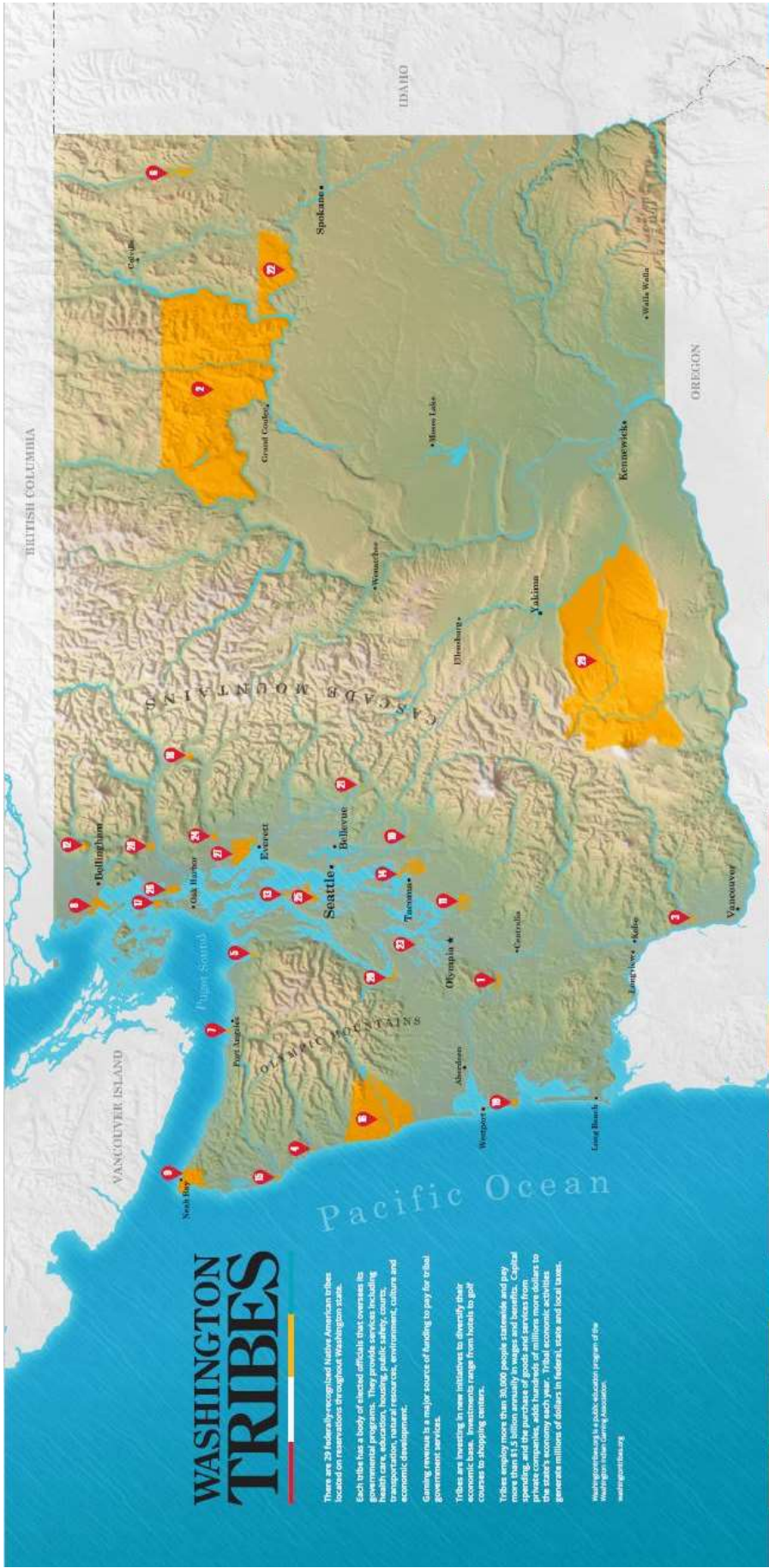
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The Suquamish Tribe's early learning services provide "a sense of belonging because of representation. You see the ownership, self-esteem and the pride parents have, especially after staff helped teach the parents to weave cedar headbands for the kids. Normalizing and providing that piece of culture, and doing it together, helps to heal the community as well. That is truly what the historical trauma is about, the historical separating of cultural identity and practices from the classroom. These practices and outcomes absolutely cannot be replicated in other programs."





WASHINGTON TRIBES

There are 29 federally-recognized Native American tribes located on reservations throughout Washington state. Each tribe has a body of elected officials that oversees its governmental programs. They provide services including health care, education, housing, public safety, courts, and more. Tribes are active in social, environmental, cultural and economic development.

Gaming revenues are a major source of funding to pay for tribal government services.

Tribes are investing in new initiatives to diversify their economic base. Investments range from hotels to golf courses to shopping centers.

Tribes receive more than 38,000 people statewide and pay more than \$3 billion annually in taxes and benefits. Tribal spending, and the purchase of goods and services from private companies, adds hundreds of millions more dollars to the state's economy each year. Tribal economic activities generate millions of dollars in federal, state and local taxes.

Washington is a public education program of the Washington State Learning Association.
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WASHINGTON STATE TRIBAL EARLY LEARNING



SECOND ANNUAL

Virtual Indigenous Children,

THIRD ANNUAL

Virtual Indigenous Children, Youth & Families (ICYF) Conference



**FREE
EVENT
SAVE THE
DATE!**

August 10 - 11, 2022
9 A.M. - 4 P.M. PST

Join us for this year's ICYF conference where we focus on **building stronger connections**.
A full agenda and registration link will be sent out this summer.



Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Washington Tribal Early Learning Language Summit

Emerald Queen Casino Events Center Tacoma, WA

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Our Hearts are Strong Toward the Work

Washington Tribal Early Learning Language Summit

Muckleshoot Casino Events Center, Auburn WA

May 30-31, 2018

Join us for a celebration of our language and culture. Tribal members are invited to learn how to support their tribal languages within their early learning classrooms. Network with other tribal teams of Directors, Administrators and Tribal Leaders. Share your best practices and stories while learning new techniques & strategies.



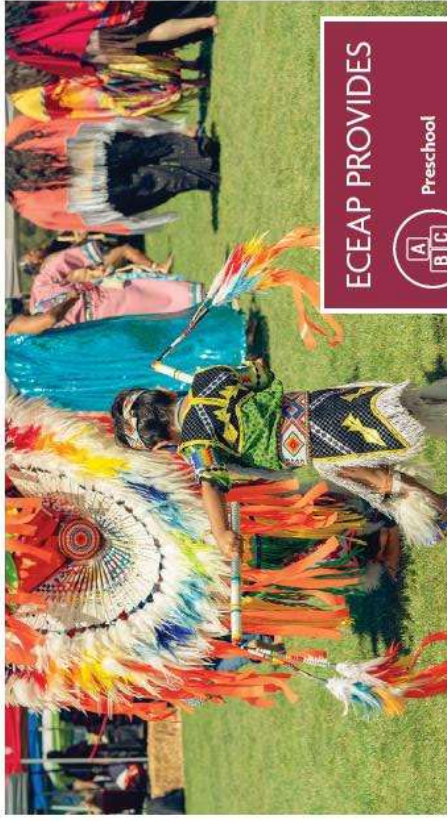
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Tribal Evidence Based Practices





Free Quality Preschool for Native American Children

Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)

ECEAP Helps Children Enter Kindergarten Ready to Succeed.

Native American Children May Be Eligible

Who are 3 or 4 years old on August 31, or turning 3 during the school year and leaving ESIT, ELICPSE, Early Head Start, or Early ECEAP and:

- Are from a family up to 100% state median income (about \$100,000 for a family of 4), or
- Qualify for school district special education services; or
- Have qualifying factors including:
 - Have a family member who attended an Indian Boarding School; or
 - Moved to engage in traditional cultural practices for subsistence or employment; or
 - Involvement in tribal or state child welfare services; or
 - Others factors

ECEAP PROVIDES



Preschool



Nutritious meals
and snacks



Health screenings



Family support

Questions?

Insert Contact Information Here

Recommendations

- Declare automatic eligibility for Tribal children in all Federal EL programs prenatal to 8 years
- Provide customized training and technical assistance to tribes regarding layering, braiding, and blending of state & federal funding sources for PreK services
- Support family engagement within all tribal programs not as an unfunded activity but as a primary and critical piece of creating an individualized program for children that connects them to their ancestral pathways
- Continue and expand Indigenous/ Land-Based Early Learning Outdoor Programs
- Provide and develop Special needs screenings, early intervention tools and methods that are Tribally researched and developed for Native children
- Prioritize Non-competitive funding to develop a public curriculum and professional materials that are Tribal specific
- Fund unfunded mandates for education attainment
- Funding to provide more equitable pay scale

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Thank you!

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