

WHY EARLY LEARNING MATTERS



Early Learning environments such as at-home or center-based childcare, preschool, transitional kindergarten, and more offer children the opportunities to learn and engage with the world outside their home.

Early Learning is all learning that takes place from when a child is born to when they start kindergarten.

Children who receive a high-quality early childhood education



Learn social skills like listening, sharing, and how to express their emotions



Perform better in school



Have a foundation of STEM skills



Are less likely to commit a crime



Are more likely to go to college

Children who do not receive a high-quality early education are



50%

More likely to be placed in special education¹



60%

More likely to never attend college





25%


More likely to drop out of school



EARLY LEARNING AFFECTS PARENTS & EMPLOYERS

 **27%** of Washington parents reported having to reduce work hours from full- to part-time due to childcare issues²

 **59%** Arrived late or left early

 **18%** Have had to quit their job

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Moses Lake Early Learning website at www.facebook.com/MLSDEarlylearning/

Check out the following educational resources:

- ¹ChildCare Aware of Washington www.childcareawarewa.org
- ²“The Mounting Costs of Child Care: Impacts of child care affordability and access to Washington’s employers and economy.” Washington State Department of Commerce
- “Workforce of Today, Workforce of Tomorrow: The Business Case for High-Quality Childcare.” U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation

