



Monthly Program Update

Snohomish County Early Head Start

DATE: April 14, 2026
TO: Snohomish County Council
FROM: Karen Matson, Human Services Department Division Manager
TOPIC: Early Head Start Governance – January 2026

REPORT PURPOSE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> A. Early Head Start Personnel Actions | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> D. Governing Bodies Communication |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> B. Early Head Start Program Reports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E. Correspondence |
| <input type="checkbox"/> C. Early Head Start Governance | |

A. EARLY HEAD START PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Governing body approval required for all personnel actions, to ensure participation of parents in hiring and agency personnel policies are followed.

No personnel actions this period

B. EARLY HEAD START PROGRAM REPORTS AND UPDATES

Governing body must review financial statements and other program reports as part of program and fiscal oversight.

Monthly Fiscal Management Report

January 2026 attached

Monthly Credit Card Usage Report

January 2026 attached

Program Enrollment and Attendance – Program Year to Date

Early Head Start program enrollment as of January 31, 2026:

- Total enrollment: 100
- % of Over-Income Families (100-130% FPL): 1%
- % of Over-Income Families (> 130% FPL): 6%
- % of Children with an IFSP: 21%
- Current Waiting List: 18
- % of Completed Home Visits: 77%
- Vacancies over 30 Days: 0

Program Information Report Data

- Pregnant People: 7
- Children Under 1 Year: 23
- Children 1 – 2 Years: 25
- Children 2 – 3 Years: 27

- Well-Child Exams: 89%
- Dental Screenings: 74%
- Immunizations: 79%

Other Reports

None

C. EARLY HEAD START GOVERNANCE

The Governing Body is required to review and approve periodic programmatic reports, processes, and outcomes, including but not limited to Self-Assessment, Eligibility Recruitment Selection Enrollment Attendance (ERSEA), monitoring reports and funding applications, etc., as part of program and fiscal oversight.

No governance actions this period

D. POLICY COUNCIL & EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM COMMUNICATION and LINKAGES

Sharing of information strengthens the partnerships of the governing bodies.

Policy Council Information:

Policy Council representatives work in tandem with the Early Head Start Advisory Committee and with program administration to oversee the Early Head Start program. The Policy Council monthly meeting agenda and draft minutes are attached.

Early Head Start Advisory Committee Information:

Early Head Start Advisory Committee representatives work in tandem with the Early Head Start Policy Council and with program administration to oversee the Early Head Start program. The Advisory Committee did not meet in January 2026.

E. CORRESPONDENCE

Correspondence shared by the Office of Head Start or Department of Children, Youth and Families.

On January 9, 2026, SC EHS received an email notice of a Preliminary Injunction issued relating to the Office of Head Start. Notification states: Attention, please be aware that effective 1/6/2026 certain DEIA actions, as well as reductions in force (RIFs) as they pertain to Head Start agencies and the Office of Head Start, have been preliminarily enjoined until further notice pursuant to the preliminary injunction linked below. These actions may not be implemented or enforced by any HHS officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, representatives, and attorneys against any Head Start agencies, program providers, students or family participants, or other similar persons or entities nationwide. To the extent you have questions regarding the preliminary injunction, please consult your legal counsel and/or your usual program point of contact.

Monthly Program Update Snohomish County Early Head Start is submitted for approval or disapproval during the Administrative Session of the Snohomish County Council, the governing body of Snohomish County Early Head Start.