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# Funding

## Funding Opportunities Included:

- Drop in Child Care
- Mental and Behavioral Health Services and Expansion
- Early Learning and Care Innovation Fund
- Housing
- Infant and Parent Support Program (Douglas)
- Infant Basic Needs
- Single Entry Access (SEAS) Expansion

**35 Active Contracts Totaling: \$7,152,158.00**

**4 Contracts in Development Totaling: \$2,312,253.00**



Data: [healthychildrensfund.org](https://healthychildrensfund.org)



# Drop-In Child Care

- Contract Executed: 01/29/25
- Contract Expires: 4/30/26
- 3 enrolled providers (98225 & 98230)
- More providers coming onboard in May in Ferndale, Deming and Nooksack
- 122 spaces per month
- 100% usage for qualifying families
- Next steps: child care provider and family recruitment



# What's to Come!

- Bellingham Technical College-Workforce Development Initiative
- Whatcom County Child Care Subsidy Program
- Working Connections Child Care Campaign
- Child Care Expansion-Capital RFP
- Council Briefings: May = Food Policy and June = HCF Supporting Homebased Providers



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**What community resources and activities would you like to see more of in your area?**

“Low-cost drop-off child care for situations where parents need to attend to things without child care duties. It can be challenging to take care of some needs because so much of my time is spent either at work or caring for children and there are very few alternatives/supports for occasions when I need to be apart from them.” - Parent in Bellingham

**What are the biggest challenges and concerns for you and your family right now?**

“I was fired because I took too many days off with my sick kiddos of 5 and 2 years old. I have been unemployed since 4/1. My husband has a full time job plus three part time jobs.” - Parent in Bellingham

"Balancing work and personal life as our family supports are not in the county, so all child care falls to my spouse and I." - Parent in Lynden



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