



Lawmakers: *Will you take the Equity Challenge?*

Dear Lawmaker,

The *2019 Equity Challenge by KIDS COUNT in Washington* describes six factors that help put young children on a path to success in school and in life: high quality early childhood education, household economic security, education and job training for parents, health and wellbeing, savings for the future, and strong neighborhood and community networks.

While all kids need greater support, decades of institutional and structural racist policies and practices have placed significant barriers before Washington's children of color.

As your constituent, I am holding YOU accountable to adopt policies and investments that address the barriers kids face.

Sincerely,

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CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

A Voice for Washington's Children, Youth & Families

Opportunities to meet the equity challenge this session:

Early Childhood Education: *More infants, toddlers and preschool-age children should have the quality experiences that set them up for success in school.*

- Invest in child care for infants and toddlers through Working Connections Child Care.
- Expand the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) — **support House Bill 1351.**

Health and Wellbeing: *When parents have access to health care, children do better in school and in life.*

- Expand dental therapy to kids and families statewide— **support House Bill 1317.**
- Include dental coverage in the COFA Islander Health Care program— **support Senate Bill 5274.**

What are other ways you'd like your lawmaker to reduce and eliminate the racial and ethnic disparities described in the 2019 Equity Challenge ?