



PSESD HEAD START GRANT RE-COMPETITION

ABOUT EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD START RE-COMPETITION

What is Re-Competition?

PSESD is a “grantee” receiving a grant from the federal Office of Head Start for **\$20.2 million/year**. This Head Start grant provides funding for 1,944 slots provided through more than 30 subcontractors. ***PSESD current grant expires on June 30, 2016.***

PSESD must submit a competitive and successful application to continue providing Head Start services. Once the application is submitted, the Office of Head Start may:

- award the entire grant amount (\$20.2 million annually) to PSESD for 5 years
- award a partial grant or no funding (depending on other entities’ applications to provide similar services in the same service area – King County, outside Seattle; and Pierce County, outside Tacoma)

The expected application due date is **December 28, 2015**.

Why is ESD reaching out to existing subcontractors?

PSESD needs to determine if existing subcontractors wish to provide the services prioritized by the Office of Head Start, and if new subcontractors are interested in providing such services. We need to balance service delivery options with serving as many children as possible.

This re-competition is a chance to revisit how we serve children and families. We are hoping to see how many of our current subcontractors are interested in potentially ***changing their service delivery models to offer more full-day services.***

Why full-day EHS/HS services?

Office of Head Start recently released proposed revised performance standards – one of the major changes is an emphasis on **full-day** preschool and **pregnancy to 3 services**.

- **Current:** At least 3.5 hours per day and 128 days per year.
- **New proposed minimum:** 6 hours per day and 180 days per year.

A large body of research indicates that full-day preschool programs lead to greater gains in school readiness skills.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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EARLY HEAD START AND HEAD START SERVICE MODELS

Existing Part-day, School Year

<p>Less than 6-hour sessions</p> <p><i>(in the Northwest, including PSESD, this usually means 3.5 contact hours/day, 4 days/week, school year - at least 128 days of instruction)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is one lead Teacher and one Assistant Teacher • Single Session (one teacher for one class) or Split Session (1 classroom, 2 classes, 2 teachers)
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Full-day, School Year

<p>6-hour sessions</p> <p><i>(5 days/week, school year – at least 180 days of instruction)</i></p> <p><i>There are currently no subcontractors that are providing this service model (see below for those offering the extended day model)</i></p>	<p>Option 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 lead Teachers per classroom • 1 Classroom Aide <p>Option 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 Lead Teacher and 1 Assistant teacher per classroom • 1 Classroom Aide
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Extended day, Full Year

<p>Anything more than 6 hours</p> <p><i>(5 days/week, year round; typically, sufficient to meet the needs of working parents)</i></p> <p><i>Usually combines Head Start funding with child care subsidies</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full-time Teacher and Assistant Teacher, supplemented by additional teaching staff to maintain 1:10 adult-child ratios throughout the day • In this model, often Head Start and non-Head Start children are enrolled in the same classroom
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Part Day, Full Year

<p>(3.5 hours, 4-5 days/week, 180 days or more)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One lead teacher and one assistant teacher • This model doesn't require licensing from DEL
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Home-Based (EHS only)

<p>(44 visits during the year, play groups twice a month)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 home visitor carries a caseload between 10 – 12 families • 44 visits during the year,
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