

Consensus Questions
LWVWA Early Care and Education Study

Discussion Questions:

- 1) Brain research demonstrates the critical importance of the time from birth – three years in a child’s development. What should the state’s role be in providing services to this population? Please be specific.

- 2) Early care and education quality depends on quality child care workers. How can we provide living-wage salaries for child care workers without increasing the financial burden on parents? Comments, please.

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- 3) Which of the following should the State of Washington fund? Please rate individual programs, 0 = no funding; 1 = partial funding, 2 =full funding.

Type of Program	0	1	2
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a) Birth through age 3 programs:

1. Home visiting			
2. Special needs			
3. Family, friends, neighbors			

b) Pre-school for ages 3-5			
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c) Child care programs.			
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d) Programs for parents.			
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e) Quality improvement initiatives			
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- 4) Should Early Care and Education be included in Washington State’s basic education funding formula?

- 5) Should we support public-private partnerships such as *Thrive by Five Washington* as a means of expanding the early care system?

- 6) Collective bargaining between Service Employees International Union and the State of Washington over child care subsidy rates for family child care home providers and other in-home providers produced increased subsidies. Should child care centers collectively bargain with the State of Washington over subsidies?

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