

# ECEAP Mental Health Consultant Requirements

## Performance Standards

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## Overview of Position

The Mental Health Consultant works in collaboration with site staff and families of enrolled ECEAP children to address early identification of mental health issues, ongoing progress, assessment and follow up, and the development of a healthy environment for children.

### Contractors must have access to a Mental Health Consultant who is available to:

- Observe and/or screen children regarding behavior, emotional needs, and mental health.
- Work collaboratively with parents to address their child’s mental health issues.
- Consult with staff regarding classroom support and interventions for children.
- Refer children and families to local mental health services.
- Consult with and train staff as needed on topics, such as:
  - Classroom environment, practices, and activities to promote social and emotional development.
  - Early identification of behavioral disorders, atypical behavior, and child abuse.
  - Specific interventions to address identified behavioral and mental health needs that are within the job expectations.

## ECEAP Mental Health Consultant Qualifications

The Mental Health Consultant must meet **one** of the following qualifications:

- Licensed by the Washington State Department of Health as a mental health counselor, marriage and family therapist, social worker, psychologist, psychiatrist, or psychiatric nurse; or
- Approved by the Washington State Department of Health as an agency-affiliated or certified counselor, with a master’s degree in counseling, social work or related field; or
- Credentialed by the Washington State Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) as a school counselor, social worker, or psychologist.

## Where to find a Mental Health Consultant

- School District Personnel
- Community Mental Health Agency
- Private Practice