

Centralia College Receives Grant for Students Studying Early Childhood Development

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Centralia College's child and family studies division has received a \$37,500 grant for students studying early childhood education.

The grant will pay for tuition, up to \$1,000 for books and fees, and an additional \$1,000 to cover expenses that could eliminate barriers to attending college.

The funding will cover enrolling students working toward a one-year certificate or degree path in early childhood education and may be renewed in coming years.

A prospective student must also be employed at an early achievers child care facility for at least 10 hours each week for the past three months to be eligible.

Heather Scannell-Ashton will administer the grant for the college and work with the recipients.

"Students learn developmentally appropriate practices for work in early learning and students can work all the way up to a bachelor's degree," Scannell-Ashton said.

Up to \$600 in financial incentives are available for those who complete the program, and the student's employer could also benefit.

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