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(2) The department must consider an applicant or consumer's participation in the birth to three early childhood education and assistance program or the early head start program as an approved activity when determining eligibility for working connections child care benefits. [2024 c 282 s 4; 2024 c 67 s 4.]

Effective date—2024 c 282: See note following RCW 43.216.812.