



Winter Association Meeting

January 27-29, Red Lion Olympia

Monday, January 26th

10 am – 4:00 pm Washington Dental Foundation Cavity Free Kids Training
1:00 pm – 4:00 pm WSA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 27th

7am to 9am Registration
9am to 9:30am Welcome and Opening Session
9:30am to 10:15am Legislative Update
10:15am to 10:30am Break
10:30am to 12:30pm CHOICE SESSIONS

- Session #1 Best Practice Panel: Innovative Programming in ECEAP and Head Start
- Session #2 ECEAP Directors Meeting
- Session #3 New Member Orientation
- Session #4 Block Play: Building Math & Science Skills in Children

12:30 to 2pm Luncheon: Presentation of Excellence Awards

Bob Watt, former Boeing vice president of State & Local Government Relations and Global Corporate Citizenship and longtime leader in Early Learning will keynote our awards ceremony, and *John Naegele* from

the Children’s Home Society will present the Excellence Awards to the winning director, staff, and parent for their outstanding contributions.

2pm to 3pm Affiliate Group Meetings

This will be an opportunity for directors, staff, and parents to meet in their designated groups. During this session folks should discuss emerging issues and topics, prepare any questions for Director Bosworth, and talk about the WSA Advocacy Goals.

3pm to 3:30pm Refreshment Break and Networking

3:30pm to 5pm CHOICE SESSIONS

Session #1 Stress and Calming at Work

Session #2 Including Samuel Film and Discussion

Session #3 Health Session – Food Allergies & Nutrition

Session #4 Adverse Childhood Experiences

5pm to 8pm Make It and Take It

Get ready for the big WSA Advocacy Day Rally that will take place tomorrow. Put together posters and signs, write personal notes to your lawmakers, and network with other advocates. Refreshments will be available. Computers will also be available for WSA members to e-mail their lawmakers.

5pm to 5:30pm WSA Budget Update

5:30pm to 6pm WSA Board Election Information

Learn about the WSA Board of Directors, find out how to run for the board, and get a good understanding of the role of a board member.

6pm to 6:30pm Board Debrief

Board Room

Wednesday, January 28th – ADVOCACY DAY!

7am to 8am **Breakfast**

8am to 8:30am **Affiliate Group Report Backs**

8:30am to 9am **Open Discussion**

9am to 10am **Break**

8am to 10am **Make It and Take It**

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10 to 11:30am **Advocacy Day Training**

Jon Gould, Deputy Director at the Children's Alliance, will help WSA members understand the legislative process and will engage and motivate us in preparation for our Hill Visits.

You will caucus with more than 200 Head Start/ECEAP folks and prepare for your Hill visits. You will be broken up by legislative districts and area and get a chance to practice what you have learned before we head over to the Hill.

11:15am **Box Lunches available in Lower Lobby**

11:15am to 2:30pm **WSA Takes to The Hill**

2:30 to 3:00pm **Rally on the Hill**

Governor Christine Gregoire is our invited speaker. Be inspired by speeches, testimonials, music and the collective energy of over 200 Head Start/Early Head Start and ECEAP parents, staff and directors! **WEAR RED!**

5pm to 5:30pm **Board Debrief**

7pm to 8:30pm **Dessert Reception**

Join us for a dessert reception and entertainment to celebrate our day!

Thursday, January 29th

8am to 8:30am **Dollar per Child Raffle**

8:30am to 9am **Legislative Breakfast Speaker**

Senator Lisa Brown, Senate Majority Leader, will be joining us to talk about the legislative session, and *Rep. Ruth Kagi*, Chair of the Early Learning and Children's Services Committee, will be coming later in the morning.

9am to 10am **Keynote Presentation**

Nina Auerbach, new CEO of Thrive by Five will join us to provide some remarks.

10am to 10:30am **WSA Update**

10:30am to 12noon **Closing Session of the WSA Business Meeting**

12noon to 12:30pm **Quick Debrief with New Board Members**