



WSA Washington State Association
of Head Start & ECEAP



WSA FALL ASSOCIATION MEETING October October 26-28, Chelan WA

Tuesday, October 25

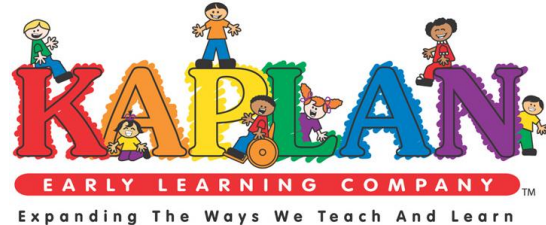
1:00 – 5:00 pm	WSA Board Meeting
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Wednesday, October 26

7:30 am to 9:30am	Registration
9:30 am to 10:15 am Ballroom 1 & 2	Joel Ryan, WSA Executive Director and Connie Mueller, WSA President , and WSA Board members will facilitate this session. We will conduct the roll call, discuss the election of WSA board members, get a run-down of the agenda for the meeting, and make any necessary announcements.
10:15 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to 11:15pm Ballroom 2 & 3	Legislative Update – Joel Ryan and Lonnie Johns Brown , WSA lobbyist, will update everyone on what’s going on in Washington DC and Olympia this year.
11:15 am – 12:00 noon Ballroom 2 & 3	DSHS State of the State Budget session: Jody Becker-Green, Senior Director of Planning, Performance and Accountability, DSHS . With our state’s budget deficit, we’re looking at major cuts at DSHS. Learn more about how these proposed cuts may affect children and families in our programs.
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm Ballroom 2 & 3	Lunch Keynote Address: Helen Blank, Director of Leadership & Public Policy, National Women’s Law Center Helen Blank is one of the country’s most respected early childhood activist in the country, and we’re incredibly fortunate to have her at our conference. Ms. Blank served 24 years as the director of the Child Care and Development Division at the Children’s Defense Fund, and is currently the Director of Leadership and Public Policy at the National Women’s Law Center
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm Ballroom 1	Choice 1: DSHS Listening Session with Jody Becker-Green, DSHS . Share your experiences and ideas for improving DSHS programs and services.

East-West Room	Choice 2: New Member Orientation. This is an opportunity for new WSA members to learn about your role and how the affiliate groups work.
Park Room	Choice 3: Emotion Coaching. Jessica Northrup, Regional FFN Director. This workshop is created to help parents and caregivers understand the importance of valuing emotions, both in children and in themselves. With real-life parenting moments, Emotion Coaching will help you understand the unique differences between four parenting styles and encourage you to use the five steps of Emotion Coaching to guide your children through emotional situations. This takes a little practice, but children raised by Emotion Coaching parents thrive in many ways.
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm Ballroom 1	Choice 1: Move Play & Learn at Home, Jessica Northrup. Often we forget that children are intermittent movers, and need movement opportunities dispersed throughout their entire day, including their time spent at home. This workshop is designed to help children learn in an integrated fashions and help parents and caregivers identify various strategies for combining movement with other at home learning tasks.
East-West Room	Choice 2: QRIS Discussion Session. John Bancroft will facilitate this discussion. How can Head Start and ECEAP programs be integrated into the state's Quality Rating and Improvement System? East West
Park Room	Choice 3: The Federal Landscape. Helen Blank will present on what's happening at the federal level outside of the Head Start world.
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm Ballroom 1	Prospective Board Member Orientation

Many thanks to the sponsors of this event!



Thursday, October 27	
7:45 am to 8:45 am	Breakfast
9:00 am to 10:15 am Ballroom 1	Choice 1: The Next Generation of Pre-K. John Bancroft will lead this session. Our state is planning an expanded pre-k system, open to all children eligible for ECEAP and beyond. Find out what's being proposed, and how ECEAP, Head Start and Early Head Start fit into the plan.
East-West Room	Choice 2: The 10 C's of Success. Stacey Bess, our inspirational keynote speaker, will present a workshop on the 10 C's of Success.
Park Room	Choice 3: Child Care Policy Discussion Session with Helen Blank
10:15 am to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 am to 11:45 am Ballroom 1	Choice 1: Success with CLASS. Sandy Nelson & Nancy Snyder, ESD 113 HS/ECEAP/EHS. CLASS is the high stake assessment of the quality of instruction in Head Start classrooms. This session will explore how one program increased their scores in the area of instructional strategies.
East-West Room	Choice 2: Asthma, ADHD, Ear Infections and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome – The Unrolled Truth. Matthew Gulbranson, Puget Sound ESD. Children in early learning are adversely affected by second and thirdhand smoke. Come ready to learn about the impacts and how we can easily help, tobacco user or not..
Park Room	Choice 3: From HS/ECEAP Leader to Early Learning Professional: Making the Most of Your Experience. Deborah Northern, PSESD. Have you ever considered the opportunities you have in the job market based on your experience in Head Start or ECEAP? Join this interactive, informative session and learn how you can use your Head Start / ECEAP parent leadership as a stepping stone to building new marketable job skills to use for your own career development.
11:45am to 1:15 pm Ballroom 2 & 3	Lunch Keynote: Stacey Bess, teacher, author, cancer survivor, mother of six, activist for homeless children and subject of the CBS Hallmark Hall of Fame movie <i>Beyond the Blackboard</i> .
1:30 pm to 3:00 pm Ballroom 1	Choice 1: Best Practices Session. Connie Mueller, Kitsap Community Resources, will present on their family involvement wheel. Vicky Good, Okanogan County Head Start/EHS, will present on their success in data sharing, alignment and relationship building with their elementary schools. Then you can share the great things happening in your programs!
East-West Room	Choice 2: Demystifying Child Protective Services. Jennifer Andrade, a CPS social worker, will present on the ins and outs of Child Protective Services. What is CPS required to do? How can parents work with the process? What can they not do?
Park Room	Choice 3: Job Skills Workshop. Norm Manly. This fun, interactive

	workshop will help parents and staff with their resume and interviewing skills. What are the 10 questions you need to have answers to <i>before</i> the interview?
3:00 pm to 3:30 pm	Break
3:30 pm to 5:00 pm Ballroom 1	Choice 1: Arts Impact. Turner Cagle, ECEAP Teacher, Multicultural Child and Family Hope Center, and Beverly Harding Buehler, Program Manager for Arts Impact, PSESD. Arts Impact trains teachers how to teach dance, theater and visual arts, and how to integrate the arts across the curriculum. Join us for a hands-on, minds-on session exploring quality arts instruction in an early childhood context.
East-West Room	Choice 2: Advocacy Training with Parent Ambassadors. Our parent ambassadors have done amazing work this year, in Olympia, Washington DC, and in their own communities. Join them in a grassroots advocacy training – how can you make a difference and be an effective advocate for children and families?
Park Room	Choice 3: Navigating Changes to TANF and WorkFirst. Lori Pittman, WSA Parent Ambassador Project Manager. Learn how legislative changes to TANF affect Head Start and ECEAP families and programs - changes in work requirements, infant care, fraud and more.
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm Ballroom 1	Budget and Bylaws Review and Q&A Ballroom 1
7:30 pm – 9:30 pm	Bowling Night, Chelan Lanes

Friday, October 28	
7:30 am to 8:30 am	Breakfast
8:45 am to 9:30 am Ballroom 2 & 3	Department of Early Learning Update. Jennifer Jennings-Shaffer, Head Start Collaboration Office manager, will lead this session. Hear the latest on the Race to the Top application, the proposed Early Learning Guidelines, and more.
9:30 am to 10:00 am	Window of Opportunity. Joel Ryan will share information and a call to action for Head Start appropriations and the state’s special budget session.
10:00 am to 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am to 10:45 am	Parent Ambassador Recognition/Graduation
10:45 am to 12:00 noon	WSA Business Meeting. During this session we will conduct elections, approve the budget, approve the Strategic Plan, vote on proposed changes to the Bylaws, and review Advocacy Goals.
12:00 – 12:30	Debrief with new Board Members