



Head Start and Early Head Start Directors Retreat Leavenworth, WA

July 9-11, 2008

Wednesday July 9th

12:00 to 1pm

Registration

Check in at the Sleeping Lady Front Desk, then come on through to the Woodpecker Room

1pm to 1:30 pm

Welcome, and Introductions

Janet Anderson, WSA President

Overview of the Agenda

Joel Ryan, WSA Executive Director

1:30pm to 2:30pm

New Landscape for Head Start

Joel Ryan will provide an update on the latest developments on funding and regulations. He will also discuss the new landscape for Head Start and how programs can better position themselves in this new environment. Some of the topics include:

- How does Head Start fit into the larger pre-k landscape in Washington and nationally?
- How can Head Start rebrand itself in this new environment?

2:30pm to 3:30pm

Head Start Hot Topics

- New Head Start Reviews
- Risk Management System
- Recruitment of homeless and foster care children
- Recruitment of children with disabilities
- Use of 1-time training funds
- Partnering with ECEAP Programs/Providers

Wednesday July 9th, continued

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| 3:30pm to 3:45pm | Refreshment Break |
| 3:45pm to 5pm | Update from Region X Head Start Office
Nancy Hutchins will be available to provide an update from the Office of Head Start. |
| 6pm to 7:00pm | Dinner |

Thursday July 10th

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| 9am to 10:30am | Update from the Department of Early Learning
We will be joined by Char Rupp and Kelli Bohanon from the Department of Early Learning. Topics will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality Ratings and Improvement System• Professional Development Consortium• Head Start Community Needs Assessment• New Head Start Collaboration Grant |
| 10:30am to 10:45am | Refreshment Break |
| 10:45am to 12:15pm | Head Start Higher Education Work Group
Gretchen Stahr Breunig will present the findings of the Higher Education Work Group and suggested resources for local programs. Higher Education Work Group members will be in attendance to comment and join the discussion. |
| 12:15pm to 1:30 pm | Lunch |
| 1:30pm to 3pm | More Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higher Education Work Group Discussion (Continued)<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Head Start State-Wide Gathering With Colleges○ Further questions/clarifications for Office of Head Start• Early Learning Table• New Landscape Issues: Critical Questions Discussed |
| 3pm to 4pm | Presentation by the Talaris Institute
Terry Meersman from the Talaris Institute will join us to discuss some of the great resources they have available for parents and local programs |

4pm to 4:15pm

Refreshment Break

4:15pm to 5:15pm

WSA Update and Open Discussion

- Quality and Training Committee
- Region X Head Start Association
- Update on Outcomes Project
- New Landscape Issues in More Detail: Federal Pre-K Bills, Basic Education Task Force
- Strategic Plan
 - Year 1: Parent Newsletter, Engagement with ECEAP and special populations, revamping of training offerings, success stories campaign, and marketing and development planning
- Performance Goals for ED

6pm to 7:00pm

Dinner

Friday July 11th

9am to 10am

Legislative Action Plan

Joel Ryan will lead us in a discussion of possibly advocacy goals, possible strategic partnerships, and will lay out a specific legislative action plan for Head Start directors.

- State Update/Fiscal Climate
- Advocacy Goals: Survey Questions
- Meeting with Senate Members

10am to 11am

The City Of Seattle's Preschool Model and Joint Work with Head Start, ECEAP, and Step Ahead Preschool Programs

Carla Bryant, Seattle Early Learning Collaborative, City of Seattle, will be joining us.

11am to 12noon

Foundation for Early Learning: Coalition Building and Development Work

Vaughnetta Barton, Director of Programs, at the Foundation for Early Learning will join us. She will discuss the latest initiatives of the Foundation, ongoing coalition work, and some strategies to raise more funding for your local program and community.

12 noon to 1:30pm

Lunch/Adjournment

