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Mission Statement

The Foundation for Early Learning's mission is *to find, fund, foster, and promote best practices that support early learning and school readiness for all children from birth through age five.*



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Major Focus

To support local early learning coalitions committed to at least one of our goals:

- Supporting parents as their children's first teachers
- Improving access to high quality child care and preschool



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Getting School Ready Investments

\$300,000 (annually):

- Community Coalition Grants: \$220,000
- Technical Assistance: \$30,000
- Sponsorships: \$25,000
- Discretionary Funds: \$25,000



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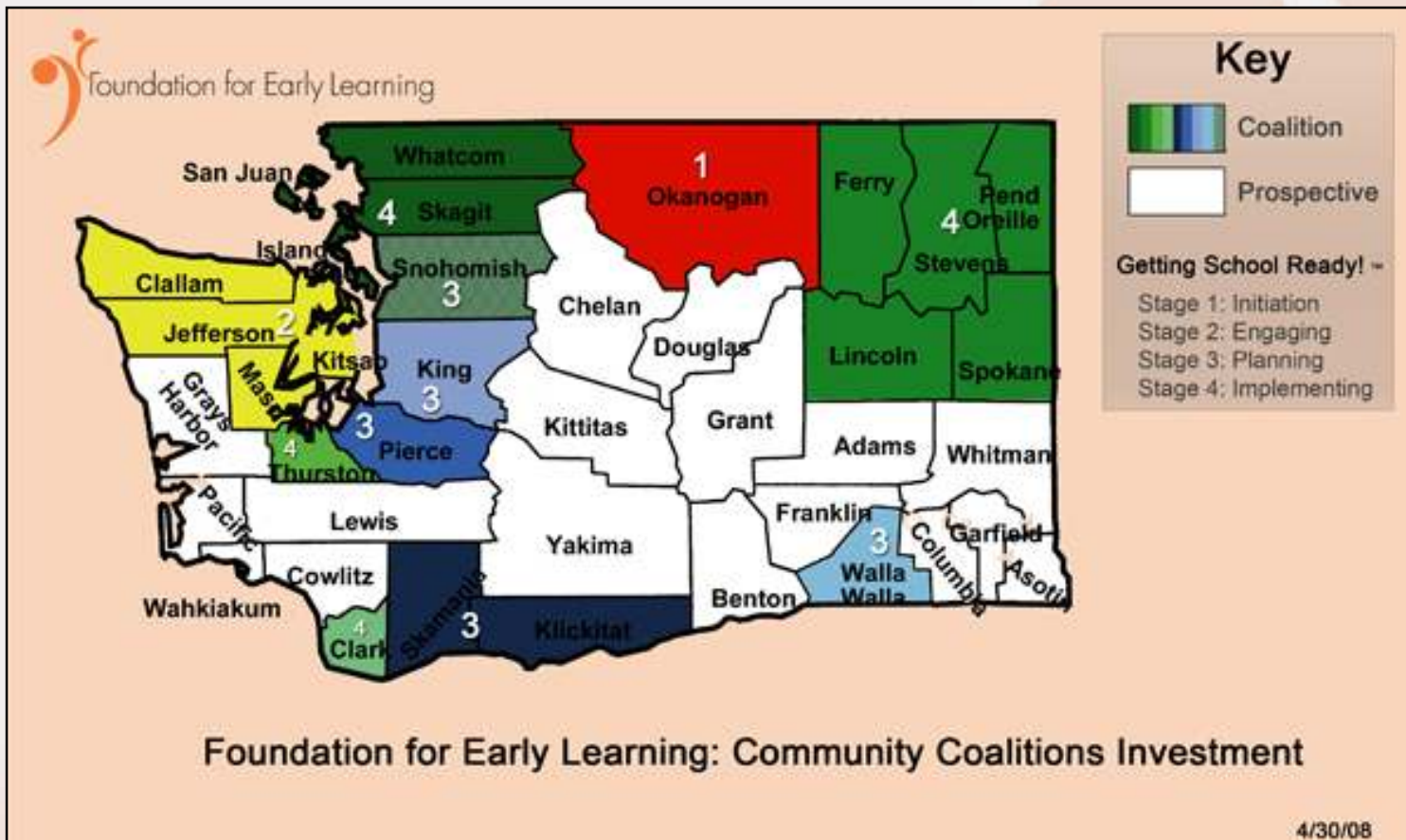
Getting School Ready Coalition Grants

Stage 1 - Initiating	≤ \$2,000
Stage 2 - Engaging	≤ \$8,000
Stage 3 - Planning	≤ \$15,000
Stage 4 - Implementing	≤ \$25,000
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Statewide Progress





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Additional Coalition Support

- Technical Assistance
- Community Network Calls
- Staff Expertise
- Resources



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Sponsorships

Sponsorships provide a mutual benefit to community-based organizations and the Foundation for Early Learning

Event dollars = Exposure



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Partnerships

- Children's Alliance
 - Council for Children and Families (WCPCAN)
 - Department of Early Learning
 - Department of Health
 - Thrive by Five Washington
 - United Way of King County
- ...and many more



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Early Learning Library Partnership

The Early Learning Public Library Partnership strengthens the ability of public libraries to fully participate in the advancement of early learning in Washington State.

Project management = Revenue + Mission



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Foundation for Early Learning's Focus

- Development of local community coalitions
- Support of over-looked, under-represented, and under-resourced communities
- Promotion of a statewide early learning framework
- Endorsement of diverse strategies in early learning



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Word on the Street

“Thanks again for hosting the monthly coalition calls. I learn so much and its great to hear what’s happening around the State.

- Libby Odden, Community Coalition Call Participant

“When you get outside of Seattle, the Foundation becomes even more important.”

-Margy Miller, Northwest Early Learning Coalition Member

“I just thought you’d like to know that your investment has succeeded in helping to create a major opportunity.”

-Roy Harrington, Spokane Early Learning Conference Manager