



## GREAT WSTC TRAINING OPPORTUNITY!!!

### "Working with Parents who have Intellectual Disabilities"

**Clock Hours and STARS Credit Available!!**

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**When:** October 27, 2009 (Day before WSA Fall Meeting)

**Where:** Red Lion Hotel at the Park, Spokane, WA

**Register:** <https://thriva.activenetwork.com/Reg4/Form.aspx?IDTD=3907763&RF=4009997>

**Time:** 10:00am-4:30pm

**Description:** ECEAP, Head Start, EHS and other child care programs work hard to develop effective relationships and training for all our parents, and supporting parents with intellectual disabilities is sometimes challenging.

This training will provide great information and practical ideas for improving support to parents who want to parent their child or children. In this training, Linda Gil of the Division of Developmental Disabilities will share information and strategies from a national program that can be used in multiple systems.

Training outcomes include:

- How to apply a conceptual framework when identifying ways to support parents with intellectual disabilities
- How to provide teaching and supporting strategies in eight areas critical to parenting or identifying programs/services that might also provide elements of support
- The ability to connect parents with resources
- The ability to connect with the Child Welfare system and/or the DDD system when the parent is identified in either system
- The ability to determine when, if and how a formal assessment tool is needed/used

**Trainer:** **Linda Gil, MA, DDD Program Manager**

Linda Gil works for the Division of Developmental Disabilities in Olympia, WA. She is the Program Manager for Staff and Provider Training. Prior to beginning work at DDD to implement a legislatively mandated children's program in DDD, Linda was the Director of Northwest Center Child Development Program. This program included both typically and atypically developing children ages 4 months to 6 years. Parents in the program represented all socioeconomic, educational and parenting levels, including parents with intellectual challenges. Linda's educational background includes undergraduate work in child and family studies and child development. She holds a masters degree from the University of Washington in Special Education with an emphasis on early childhood, and a post masters certificate of Management in the Human Services.

**Cost:** \$70 WSTC Members, \$105 non-members

**Are you a member?** Most, but not all, Head Start and ECEAP programs are members of WSTC, which is not the same as WSA. Contact Katy at 253-373-9100 if you'd like to know if your program is a member.

**For questions, please contact Katy Warren at 253-373-9100, or [katy@wsaheadstareceap.com](mailto:katy@wsaheadstareceap.com)**