



## WSA Fall Association Meeting

October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Wenatchee Red Lion

### Tuesday October 23<sup>rd</sup>

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9am to 9:30am <b>Columbia River Room</b>	<b>Welcome and Update</b> on WSA Accomplishments, Budget, and plans for the coming year. Dominique Alex, WSA Board Vice President & Joel Ryan, WSA Executive Director will kick things off.
9:30am to 10am	<b>How do we talk about Head Start &amp; ECEAP?!</b> We will use this time for directors, staff, and parents to briefly share their personal and professional success stories! This is a great way to kick off this conference and to get you inspired for the amazing work you are doing!
10am to 11am	<b>Legislative Update</b> Joel and Katy will provide a comprehensive federal and state legislative update. We will cover Head Start funding, possible reauthorization, the public charge rule, ECEAP expansion, child care subsidies, the Governor's birth to 5 plan, and much more.
11am to 11:15am	<b>Break</b>
11:15am to 11:45am	<b>How do we talk about Head Start and ECEAP?</b> We know that what language we use to talk about Early Learning to lawmakers and the public can greatly affect how successfully our message is received. Joel will share the findings from the National Head Start Association's Narrative Project
12noon to 1:15pm	<b>Luncheon &amp; Keynote: Steve Barnett, Founder and Co-Director of the National Association of Early Education Research (NIEER) at Rutgers University.</b>
1:30pm to 3pm	Choice Sessions
<b>#1 – Cascade Room</b>	<b>Discussion with Steve Barnett</b> – Steve is one of the nation's premier experts on Early Education and Pre-K. Join him to discuss expanding pre-k in Washington and other topics.
<b>#2 – Wenatchee Room</b>	<b>Strengthening Families with Victoria Hilt, Past WSA Board Member. Concrete Support in Time of Need.</b> In this workshop you will learn of ways you can provide welcoming, non-threatening support to families. You will be challenged to think of ways in your own community that you can link families to services and opportunities and to consider ways in which culture and tradition can play into the challenge of doing this. We will also

reflect on ways that lack of support, when under stress, can sometimes lead to child maltreatment.

**#3 – Chelan Room**

***Are children who attend my Head Start and Early Head Start program ready for kindergarten and beyond?*** Have you wondered how children from your program score on the WA KIDS assessment when they enter kindergarten compared to other children in Washington? Come to this session to learn about the development of a voluntary way for Head Start/EHS programs to submit child-level data to the state longitudinal data system provided by the Education Research & Data Center (ERDC). Your program will then receive ERDC Feedback Reports for your overall program and individual sites to use in program planning and reporting of outcomes. Presenters are staff from ERDC; Kevin Cummings, Researcher, DCYF; Cathy Garland, Administrator, Head Start Collaboration Office.

3pm to 3:30pm

Break – Snacks in Lobby

3:30pm to 5pm

Choice Sessions

**#1 – Cascade Room**

***Preparing for your Head Start Monitoring Review with Sandy Nelson, Head Start T&TA.*** Concerned about your next review? Come hear from an expert, Sandy Nelson, who ran highly successful Head Start/ECEAP programs for decades before becoming a Grantee Specialist helping folks all around the region meet and exceed performance standards.

**#2 – Chelan Room**

***The New Environmental Rating Scale, ERS-3 – Our state quality rating system Early Achievers will soon use the new ERS instead of using CLASS as a tool. What will this look like? Hear from the experts at UW about this new way we will be rated.***

**#3 – Wenatchee Room**

***Strengthening Families with Victoria Hilt, Past WSA Board Member. Children’s Social and Emotional Competence.*** In this course you will explore this protective factor, learning about the characteristics of children who are emotionally healthy. You will discuss realistic expectations of the development of this protective factor at various developmental stages and how healthy social and emotional competence can help make child maltreatment less likely to occur. Finally, you will see examples of how parents and other caregivers can develop strategies that will help children to grow emotionally and socially and create an action plan to intentionally integrate effective strategies into your everyday work

5:10-5:45pm – **Cascade**

New Board Member Information Session

7:30- 9:00pm – **Cougar Room**

**A Night at the Improv.** And who will be doing improv? You will be! Join local actor Zach Savage for a fun **Intro to Improvization class.**

## Wednesday October 24<sup>th</sup>

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9am to 3:00 pm  
**Cascade Room**

### **Family Support Staff Quality Circle.**

Join your fellow family advocates to discuss rising issues in Head Start, ECEAP, and Early Head Start, hear from other experts in trauma informed care and homelessness, and plan for future cohort meetings to strengthen our collective work in family support in Washington.

9:00am to 3:00pm  
**Wenatchee Room**

### **Building Analytic Capacity: Strategies and Tools for Driving Quality.**

Rick Mockler, former Executive Director of the California Head Start Association. This will include a series of presentations and facilitated conversations on a variety of topics, including Improvement Science, Data Analytic Tools, Assessing Your Program's Data Capacity, and how to apply these to common issues like enrollment, health/disabilities, education, etc.

### **Choice Sessions 9:00am to 10:30am:**

#1 – **Chief Joseph Room** **Father Involvement Initiative** – Join Puget Sound ESD Parents and staff to talk about their successful work around father engagement, and share your own successes as well!

#2 - **Chelan Room** **Trauma Informed Care** - Sharon Shadwell and Janet Fraatz, Department of Children, Youth and Families. This year folks from around the state have been meeting to discuss how to embed trauma informed practices throughout our early learning system. Sharon and Janet will report on the progress of that work and lead a discussion on these critical issues.

10:30am to 10:45am **Break**

### **Choice Sessions 10:45 to 12:00pm:**

#1 - **Chief Joseph Room** **Early Math – How do we improve our outcomes and support staff?** Nancy Spurgeon of Wenatchee Valley College and Carlin Lorente from Washington STEM.

#2 – **Chelan Room** **Speak with Power and Impact!** Lauren Hipp from MomsRising and April Messenger from Children’s Alliance will be joining us to share the latest tips for sharing your story and crafting messages for your advocacy efforts!

#3 – **Cougar Room** **Latest on Immigration Issues-** Vanessa Gutierrez, Directing Attorney at the Northwest Immigrant Rights Project will update us on immigration options for obtaining status, public charge considerations, DACA, and enforcement priorities.

3:00pm to 3:15pm

**Break**

12noon to 1:15pm  
**Columbia River Room**

**Luncheon Panel and Panel Discussion: Improving the Connection Between Child Welfare and Early Learning.** As ECEAP and other early learning programs become part of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, it's even more important for us to understand how we can best work together. Hear from parents and professionals with experience in child welfare and kinship care.

**PM Sessions 1:30pm to 3:00pm:**

**#1 – Chief Joseph Room** **Parents Only – What should 'Entitlement' mean for ECEAP?** As we expand ECEAP toward 'entitlement', or reaching all families who want it by 2022, what should that look like? What changes need to be made to ECEAP beyond 2022?

**#2 – Chelan Room**

**Serving Homeless Families.** Katara Jordan, JD, MSW from Building Changes. Katara will discuss the Schoolhouse Washington project, how schools can help address student homelessness through the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Act, the state's response to addressing the needs of children experiencing homelessness, and open the floor to discuss efforts on how to best support the needs of children 0 to 5 experiencing homelessness.

3:15 to 4:00pm

**Columbia River Room**

**WSA Business Meeting:** Board Elections, Approving New Budget for 2018-2019

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