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**Nicole Erickson Named Head Start Parent of the Year**

Nicole Erickson from Monroe, Washington was named Head Start Parent of the Year by the Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP (WSA) at its October meeting. Erickson's daughter attended the Snohomish County Head Start program located in Monroe, Washington. Erickson was nominated by the director of the program, Dana Connolly. Erickson won the award due to her active volunteerism in her child's classroom and her work advocating for early childhood programs in Olympia and in Washington DC.

**Joel Ryan, Executive Director, WSA, said the following**

"I got to know Nicole really well this past year. She is an amazing person who is not only dedicated to making sure her own child is ready for kindergarten but that all children get the opportunity to succeed in school. Nicole is a terrific advocate for children and I saw her in action in DC where she met with our congressional delegation, including Senator Maria Cantwell. I am so happy that Nicole won this prestigious award—it is well deserved."

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