



WSA Washington State Association
of Head Start & ECEAP



WSA WINTER ASSOCIATION MEETING February 7-9, Olympia WA

Tuesday, February 7 th	
8:00 to 10:00 am Lower Lobby	Registration
9:30 to 9:45 am Fir Ballroom	Joel Ryan , <i>WSA Executive Director</i> and Mary McDonald , <i>WSA President</i> . We will discuss the election of WSA board members, get a run-down of the agenda for the meeting, and make any necessary announcements.
9:45 to 10:45 am Fir Ballroom	Lauren Mims , Former Assistant Director of the White House initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans
11:00 am – Noon Fir Ballroom	Legislative Update – Joel Ryan
12:00 to 1:30 pm Fir Ballroom	Lunch Keynote: Melissa Benaroya Fostering Empathy in Our Children: Helping kids read emotions and develop empathy is an ongoing process and can't be taught in a few days or weeks. Learn three specific strategies to help foster empathy in our children.
1:30 to 3:00 pm	Choice 1: Shereese Rhodes & Christianna Clinton, Family Engagement and Support from a Parent Perspective.
1:30 to 3:00 pm	Choice 2: Directors Meeting. An opportunity for ECEAP and Head Start/EHS directors to share information and get updates.
1:30 to 3:00 pm	Choice 3: Ensuring Equity and Excellence from Cradle Through Career --Lauren Mims , Assistant Director of the White House initiative on Educational Excellence for African Americans. Join us to discuss what caring and concerned adults do, daily, to support the cognitive, social and emotional development of students of

	all ages, with a focus on students who have been historically marginalized. This workshop will discuss the role and responsibility that caring and concerned adults have to support equity and to ensure the learning and development of African American and Latino students. The interactive session will discuss evidence based practices and lessons learned from visiting schools across the nation. Participants will leave with a clear sense of the opportunities and resources to contribute to closing opportunity and achievement gaps facing African American and Afro-Latino students.
1:30 to 3:00 pm	Choice 4: Childproof Parenting: Building Your Parenting Toolbox: Melissa Benaroya, LICSW will be sharing with us parenting strategies that result in children who want to be in partnership with their parents. She blends Positive Discipline, Love & Logic with Gottman principles to help take the power struggles out of our day-to-day interactions with our children.
3:30 to 5:00 pm	Choice 1: Focus Group for Parents and Staff: How can Head Start/ECEAP support parents' educational achievements? Sandy Junker, Former HS/ECEAP Director.
3:30 to 5:00 pm	Choice 2: Grassroots Organizing: Skills and Techniques for Creating Change in your Community. The one clear outcome of the recent presidential election was Americans, regardless of political ideology, feel the system is rigged. Too often we feel powerless to create change, even in our local communities. But, we all have a story to tell and power as a constituent. Learn how to effectively speaking up for your community and how to inspire others to join you. Ryan Murphy, Save the Children Action Network
3:30 to 5:00 pm	Choice 3: Legislative Panel Discussion with Rep. Tom Dent, Rep. Roger Goodman and more.
3:30 to 5:00 pm	Choice 4: Parent Ambassadors Session (Invitation only)
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm	Prospective Board Member Information Session
5:35 pm - 6:15 pm	<i>WSA Board Only – Debrief in Board room</i>



Wednesday, February 8 th	
8:00 am to 9:10 am <i>Fir Ballroom</i>	Breakfast
8:45 am to 9:00 am	Keynote – Governor Inslee – Power of Early Learning
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Bart Barrett will discuss the partnership between Grand Canyon University and the Washington State Association of Head Start and ECEAP, and the scholarships available to employees, spouses, and parents of students.
9:15 am – 10:00 am	Head Start Longitudinal Data – Caitlin Jensen, Head Start Collaboration Office. Workshop for starting your process at your program.
8:30 am – 12:30 pm	Make and Take Area– Make signs for the Advocacy Day Celebration on the Capitol Steps!
10 am - 11:30 am <i>Forest Ballroom</i>	Advocacy Day Training Joel Ryan, Executive Director of WSA, will help members understand the legislative process and will engage and motivate us in preparation for our Hill Visits.
10:30 am to 11:15 am	Quick Switch – The walls will go UP, and we'll <u>split into three groups</u> for more in-depth and interactive advocacy training. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIGHT side Ballroom (Spanish) Fir Room • LEFT side Ballroom Spruce Room • STATE Room upstairs
11:20 am <i>Forest Ballroom</i>	Box Lunches available in Lower Lobby. The walls will go down. Upstairs training groups will come downstairs. Pick up your lunch and talk about your upcoming meetings with the rest of the folks from your district!
11:30am to 5:00 pm	WSA Takes to The Hill! Visit your elected officials – if they're on the floor or in committee, send a note in and tell them you're here!
2:15pm to 2:45pm <i>Capitol Steps</i>	Early Learning Rally at the Capitol Steps will speak at our rally! They are great advocates for early learning! Be inspired by speeches, testimonials, music and the collective energy of over 300 Head Start/Early Head Start and ECEAP parents, staff and directors! WEAR RED!
5:00pm – 5:45 pm	<i>WSA Board Only – Debrief in Board room</i>
7:30pm to 9:00pm	Skate Night! At Skateland: 2725 12th Ave NE, Olympia, WA 98506

Thursday, February 9th	
8 am to 9:00 am Fir Ballroom	Breakfast
8:30 am to 9:00 am	WSA Business Meeting. During this session we will conduct elections, honor departing members, and more. And don't forget the Parent Ambassador Raffle! Bring your items for raffle –all proceeds go to Head Start and ECEAP Advocacy efforts.
9:00 to 10:00am	Report from Department of Early Learning – Director Ross Hunter & ECEAP Administrator Kelli Bohanon.
10:00 to 10:30 am	Jennifer Tran – Budget and Policy Center. Report on the BPC study of ECEAP
10:30 to 11:00	Mona Johnson, OSPI Director of Student Support – How K-12 schools can move to look more like Head Start and ECEAP
11:00 to 11:30 am	Senator Hans Zeiger, Chair Senate Education Committee. Early Learning in the Legislature
11:30-11:50 pm	Parent Ambassador Graduation
11:50 – 12:15	Closing and Complete Business Meeting

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