



WSA WINTER ASSOCIATION MEETING February 11-13, Olympia WA

Monday, February 10th

1:00 – 5:00 pm	WSA Board Meeting – State Room
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Tuesday, February 11th

8:00 am to 10:00 am	Registration- Lower Lobby
9:30 am to 9:45 am <i>Fir Ballroom</i>	Joel Ryan, WSA Executive Director and Mary Ellen Lykins, WSA President , and WSA Board members will facilitate this session. We will conduct the roll call, discuss the election of WSA board members, get a run-down of the agenda for the meeting, and make any necessary announcements.
9:45 am to 10:15 am	Legislative Update - Joel Ryan & Melissa Johnson, WSA Lobbyist, will update us on what's happening in Olympia and Washington DC.
10:15 to 10:30 am	Break
10:30 – 10:45	Bette Hyde, Director of the Department of Early Learning
10:45 am – 11:15 am	Governor Inslee has shown a strong interest in early learning, and is looking for suggestions as they develop plans for the next couple years. RaShelle Davis , the governor's Education and Early Learning staff will update us on his thinking and take questions and ideas from us.
11:15-12:00 pm	Hear from key legislators - Representative Ross Hunter, Senator Andy Billig & Rep. Jessyn Farrell will share their perspectives on the action in Olympia.
12:00 pm to 1:30 pm	Lunch

	<p>Keynote Address: Meredith Wiley – Former State director of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids New York & author of <i>Scared Sick</i>. Fear, experienced chronically in early childhood lies at the root of many common physical diseases as well as emotional, and behavioral pathologies. It is increasing clear that building modulated nervous systems in youngest human beings is foundational not only for individual physical and behavioral health but also for maintaining the “glue” of human community and the continuity of the species.</p>
<p>1:30 pm to 3:00pm</p> <p>State Room</p>	<p>Choice 1: Early Learning and Child Welfare. Regina Jones and colleagues from Casey Family Programs will lead this session.</p>
<p>Capitol Room</p>	<p>Choice 2: Directors Meeting Updates and Discussion – This will include federal and state issue discussion, MERIT and the Early Achievers Pilot, as well as Early Start and other rising issues in the legislature.</p>
<p>Pine room</p>	<p>Choice 3: <i>Ghosts from the Nursery</i> Case Study. Meredith Wiley. When <i>Ghosts from the Nursery</i> was first published in 1997, it provided scientific evidence that violence can originate in the brain and be well-entrenched by preschool. In the wake of mass tragedies such as Newtown, media coverage and public debate inevitably turn to the usual suspects—availability of guns, lack of mental health services and violent entertainment. Missing from the equation is discussion of the impact of trauma on human life—especially during the period of early brain development. A new edition of <i>Ghosts from the Nursery</i> updates the data and incorporates significant advances in the field of neurobiological research in early development over the past 15 years .</p>
<p>Cedar/Hemlock Room</p>	<p>Choice 4: Grassroots Advocacy Training. This will include an introduction to Advocacy and government that’s especially great for new members, as well as some tools to take your advocacy efforts back to your program.</p>
<p>3:30 pm to 5:00 pm</p> <p>Capitol Room</p>	<p>Choice 1: Social Media isn’t so Scary. We’re starting with the basics! An intro to Facebook and Twitter, the importance of privacy settings and professionalism, issues for HS/ECEAP programs, and strategies for how to use social media in advocacy or community building.</p>
<p>Pine room</p>	<p>Choice 2: DEL Parents Discussion. DEL is reconvening their Parent Advisory Group and is looking for feedback on a variety of questions, as well as offering a chance to participate in that</p>

	statewide advisory group.
State Room	Choice 3: Policy Forum – Deep Dive on key state and federal topics. Joel Ryan will lead this session for those who want to get into the nitty gritty of state and federal policy and strategy.
	Choice 4: Negotiating Special Ed in K-12. Vicky McKinney from PAVE (Partnerships for Action Voices for Empowerment) The PAVE Parent Training and Information Program will help participants understand your rights and responsibility to an appropriate education for your child with a disability, how to become your child’s best advocate and other resources available to you to find success in your journey into Special Education services.
5:00 pm – 5:30 pm Pine room	Prospective Board Member Information Session
5:30-6:15	Board Debrief

Wednesday, February 12 th	
8:00 am to 9:00 am <i>Fir Ballroom:</i>	<p>Breakfast – Keynote – Javonna Arriaga, an inspiring former foster child working with the Mockingbird Society. Javonna graduated from the UW, where she started her own organization, the Boundless Arts Performance Collective, which brings performance arts opportunities to children in the foster care system.</p>
9:00 am – 9:45 am	<p>Choice 1: Early Head Start Child Care Partnerships Choice 2: Tell Your Story We have video cameras at the ready! Come take a few minutes and share your story – how did HS/ECEAP help your children succeed? How did the program help your family? How does your program innovate to serve children and families better?</p>
8:30 am – 12:30 am <i>Puget Room:</i>	<p>Make and Take Room – Make signs for the Advocacy Day Celebration!</p>
9:45 am to 10:00am	<p>Break</p>
10:00 am to 11:30 am <i>Forest Ballroom:</i>	<p>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.</p>
10:30 am to 11:15 am	<p>Quick Switch – The walls will go UP, and we'll <u>split into four groups</u> for more in-depth and interactive advocacy training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIGHT side Ballroom • LEFT side Ballroom (Spanish) • CAPITOL room upstairs • RAINIER room upstairs
11:20 am	<p>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!</p>
11:30am to 3:00 pm	<p>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!</p>
2:30pm to 3pm	<p>Early Learning Rally at the Capitol Steps Governor Jay Inslee is coming! We'll also hear from Rep. Roger</p>

Capitol Steps	Freeman and some passionate parents. 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!
7:00-8:30 Skateland	Roller Skating! We'll pay for your skating, skates, and snacks, and we promise to laugh with you when you're flailing around. Skateland , 2725 12th Ave NE, Olympia
5:30-6:15	Board Debrief

Thursday, February 13 th	
8 am to 9:00 am <i>Fir Ballroom</i>	Breakfast & Dollar Per Child Raffle!
8:30 am to 9:00 am	Kristin Rowe-Finkbeiner , founder and Executive Director of Moms Rising, the national online parent organizing organization
9:00 am to 9:30 am	DEL Update. Heather Moss , new Deputy Director of the Department of Early Learning.
9:45 am to 11 am	Keynote Speaker- Kris Perry , Executive Director of the First Five Years Fund. We're very lucky to have Kris, who is one of the driving forces of early learning policy nationwide.
11am to 12:00 noon	WSA Business Meeting. During this session we will conduct elections, honor departing members, and more.
12:00 – 12:30	Debrief with new & Old Board Members

Thank you for all you do for children and families!