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Getting to know YOU:

What drew you to early learning?

I first became interested in early learning as a psychology major, and really developed a passion for it watching my niece grow up. Every day that I'm with her I see first-hand what an enormous impact the early years have on a child's life.

How do you hope to influence a stronger early

learning system for Washington?

I hope to create a more interconnected system of education that provides equitable opportunities for all Washington kids. Everyone should have a fair start in life, regardless of socioeconomic status, race/ethnicity, gender, or different abilities. Investing in early education will help even out the playing field for all kids, and increase the likelihood that they will reach higher levels of educational attainment in their future.

What was your first job?

My first job was babysitting for my 8th grade English teacher.

As a child, what did you want to be when you grew up?

A lawyer

What is your favorite childhood memory?

I have so many wonderful memories, but my favorite is helping my brother build elaborate forts in our living room. We used couch cushions, bed sheets, fans, and any other furniture that was in the house.