**Regional Coalition Updates**

### Regional Coalition Update

#### Project Child Success, Pierce County

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#### Champions for Children Celebration

On September 20 Project Child Success held its 2017 Champion for Children Celebration. This annual event is a partnership with KBTC Public Television and celebrates the Champions for Children Awards. Hundreds of leaders in the community gather to publicly recognize these individual’s contributions to grow a child centered community. Honorees included:

- Dr. Sherwin Shinn - Dental Director at Lindquist Dental Clinic for Children
- Peggy McCloud - Director at Grandview Early Learning Center
- Grocery Outlet - Brian Mack, owner of the store on 56th St in Tacoma
- Vera Brokenshire - Volunteer with United Way of Pierce County Lil Readers
- John Briehl – Founder of Children Service Network in Pierce County

#### Growing a Child Centered Community Conversations and Launch of New Data Dashboard

Project Child Success has begun to engage families through Pierce County, to define what it means to be a child centered community. Ideas generated through the conversation are categorized into the Strengthening Families Protective Factors. All the information is now publicly available on our newly launched data dashboard at [projectchildsuccess.org/about](http://projectchildsuccess.org/about). Simply click on each of the protective factor icons for a list of all the ideas collected to date.

### Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance, Northeast

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- On June 28, the Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance (INWELA) hosted the first of three Early Achievers and ECEAP Revised Standards Feedback Sessions. The session was led by a paid facilitator and held at United Way. Attendees provided feedback on the WACs in the areas of Child Outcomes, Family Engagement, and Resources and Referrals - Engaging ECEAP Families. The session was attended by child care providers and ECEAP providers. We also had a few child care providers who also have ECEAP classrooms. The three hour session was attended by 18 people.

- Child Care Aware of Eastern WA will meet their goal to have all licensed child care programs in their 11 county region completing Level 2 requirements for the Early Start Act. This is all child care programs accepting children on state subsidy complete Level 2 for Early Achievers.

- On September 13, the INWELA hosted the second of three Early Achievers and ECEAP Revised Standards Feedback Sessions which was held at United Way.
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- INWELA representation is now on the Greater Spokane Incorporated (GSI) Policy Council for 2017-18. The Early Learning committee will recommend the top 3 budget and policy issues in early learning to the Policy Council for review and if accepted the issues will be referred to the GSI Board. If they are accepted by the board, they will appear on GSI’s Public Policy Agenda for 2018.

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- We are co-hosting a community awareness luncheon with Sunnyside United-Unitedos titled, Building a Resilient Community, on 11/2 in at the Sunnyside United Methodist Church. The event will highlight recent work of the Sunnyside School District in ACEs training for ALL staff, including board members, educators, para pros, transportation and child nutrition. Last year’s event had nearly 100 people in attendance including Congressman Dan Newhouse and Rep. Chandler and we expect an even larger crowd for this year’s event.
- The Executive Committee selected The Giving Practice to lead the coalition through a strategic planning process, funded by the Yakima Valley Community Foundation.
- Thank you to Alan Cohen for attending our September Coalition Meeting! The meeting featured a great panel discussion with representatives from the Yakima County Development Association, Worksource WA, and the Central Washington Hispanic Chamber of Commerce.

North Central
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- ESD 171 and the NCELC Professional Development committee are working on a developmental screening pilot project for community child care providers through the AESD. After attending the training and participating in a child find event, eligible child care providers will receive a complimentary ASQ screening kit.
- Implementation of 3 pilot sites for Communities in Schools is underway in Eastmont School District. The core team consists of representatives from CCFNCW/NCELC and Eastmont School District. (As a reminder, CIS’s mission is: “To surround students with a community of support, empowering them to stay in school and achieve in life.” CIS is not a “one size fits all” solution; as part of its implementation process, the community needs are assessed and solutions are designed to specifically address each community’s unique needs.)
- Chelan-Douglas Parent to Parent (CD P2P) is continuing to add more multicultural parent support groups and outreach events in order to reach those in our community furthest from opportunity. Planning for the 9-session advocacy training series for the Parent Coalition (advocacy group consisting of parents of children with special needs) is underway. We recently identified the opportunity to collaborate with Wenatchee and Eastmont School Districts, with other districts within our region identified as potential participants as well, as their Parent Coalition goals are complementary to our own.
- Project LAUNCH is continuing its efforts in Chelan and Douglas counties to inform parents and professionals about early intervention and screening, increase screening opportunities, integrate behavioral health training and services into the early learning systems, and to improve family strengthening and local parent support opportunities.

Northwest
No updates to share at this time.
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#### Olympic-Kitsap Peninsulas

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- Partnered with N. Mason Library, Satterberg Foundation and CCAC to provide Kaleidoscope Play & Learn group.
- Partnered with Satterberg Foundation to provide car seat event for Guatemalan families.
- Partnered with the Kitsap County Health Department to fund Photo Novela Grupo de Mama’s.
- Partnered with CCA & OESD Early Learning Department to provide Professional Development project to Early Learning Providers in our region.
- Partnered with the Bremerton School District and Armin Jahr Elementary to provide bilingual Kaleidoscope Play & Learn group.
- Partnered with First Steps to provide Kaleidoscope Play & Learn group.
- Upcoming: Early Learning Educators conference November 17th & 18th.

#### King County

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- Participated in United Way of King County community meeting of early learning grantees. Met staff from several early intervention programs not yet connected with the Coalition, and discussed the challenges of representing all early learning stakeholders in a “system” that comprises many systems.
- Attended Council of the Whole meeting on Sound Transit 3 funding as part of the ad hoc group advocating for funds to go toward early learning facilities.
- Met with Best Starts for Kids staff to discuss Coalition role in planning for Help Me Grow implementation.
- Participated in discussion hosted by Early Learning Action Alliance (ELAA) on DCYF implementation. Key topics included: need for cross-system learning about current organizational structures and goals; implications of performance-based contracting; external review protocols; stakeholder advisory groups and integration of same; confidentiality in relation to development of an integrated technology system.
- Attended the 10th ELAA retreat, where we heard from DEL and DCYF leadership about their timeline, process, goals and hopes for the new department; met with legislators from the House and Senate, and representatives from OSPI and the Governor; presented about our Coalition’s Black Family Voice Project as part of a panel on Strengthening ELAA capacity to advance racial equity; discussed potential legislative priorities for 2018. Gave a brief update on Coalitions’ values and emerging structure as a body of ten, and our intent to become more active participants in ELAA as a group.
- Attended Gates Foundation Pacific Northwest Advocacy Convening where we learned about current strategy and funding areas, and met with other advocacy coalitions across the age continuum.
- Attended Authentic School Community Partnership Institute convened by Puget Sound Educational Service District. The focus was on awareness of white dominant and institutional cultural identity in partnerships.
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### Southeast

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- Play and Learn groups continue to expand in Benton-Franklin counties.
- ESD 123 and the Benton-Franklin Early Learning Alliance offered Toddlers 2 Teens and UDS/Early Intervention workshops across the community in an effort to increase social-emotional literacy and identify children that require early intervention services as early as possible.
- Asotin County Coalition is sending a representative to Love & Logic training in Colorado.
- Walla Walla Valley Early Learning Coalition in partnership with Walla Walla Community College and Child Care Aware is offering another session of Abriendo Puertas/Opening Doors.
- Early Learning Coalition members, Walla Walla Public Schools, Walla Walla Community College, and Trilogy Recovery Community are partnering on a series of Parenting Wisely and Ready! For Kindergarten classes.
- Children’s Home Society, Community Resilience Initiative, and Walla Walla Community Health received a First 1,000 Days – Frontiers of Innovation Technical Assistance Grant to develop a pilot project to reach children and families with critical services in the first 1,000 days.

### Southwest Washington Early Learning (SWEL)

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- We are working on several projects for the fall. We will be hosting Early Learning Tours for policy and business leaders on October 12. We are holding a regional Early Learning Summit on October 24, two special guests will be First Lady Trudi Inslee and Thrive CEO Alan Cohen.

### Visions for Early Learning, West Central

No updates to share at this time.