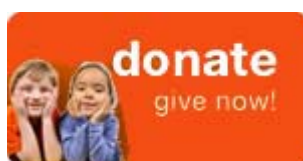




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Becoming a Reader, One Word at a Time

The Foundation for Early Learning is delighted to feature a guest post from our the Early Learning Public Library Partnership. To be featured in a future issue, please contact Communications Manager Joel Ballezza at joel@earlylearning.org.



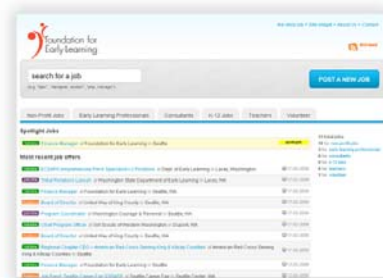
Knowing the names of things is essential to the development of a young reader. For every word a young child knows, she is one word closer to becoming a reader. Yet, each school year some kindergarteners start school knowing far fewer words than their classmates.

We're not talking about just a few words. We're talking about a chasm of thousands and thousands of words.

And for those children who know fewer words, they start school further away from becoming a reader than they should be...[Read more.](#)

Community Job Board Launched

Apply or Post Jobs for Free



Have an early learning, non-profit, public-sector or education job to post? List it on the Foundation for Early Learning's new job board at www.earlylearning.org/jobs.

This new job board provides a great place for job seekers interested in early learning, non-profit and philanthropic

careers to discover their next opportunity.

Best of all - IT'S FREE!

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Visitors can search the site by [part-time](#), [full-time](#) or [temporary](#) positions sorted into categories including early learning professionals, K-12 and volunteer positions, among others.

[Post jobs](#) or apply today at www.earlylearning.org/jobs.

Have a Heart for Kids Lobby Day

[Register](#) today for the [Children's Alliance](#) Have a Heart for Kids Lobby Day on Friday, February 27.

The day will include training for new advocates, workshops about the issues you care about (including early learning and afterschool, children's health, child welfare and children's hunger/nutrition), a rally on the Capitol steps featuring Governor Chris Gregoire, and opportunities to meet with your legislators.

Have a Heart for Kids Day is the biggest child advocacy day in Olympia! Bring your family, your friends and your co-workers. Kids are welcome!

Gregoire Appoints Early Learning Director

Gov. Chris Gregoire announced her appointment of Dr. Bette Hyde as director of the Washington State Department of Early Learning.



"The children and families of our state are incredibly fortunate to have Bette coming onboard to lead the Department of Early Learning," Gregoire said [...Read more](#)

CEO Named at Child Care Resources

The Board of Directors of [Child Care Resources](#) (CCR) has named Deeann Burtch Puffert the agency's Chief Executive Officer, effective February 16, 2009.



Puffert has served in various leadership roles since CCR's beginning in 1990. Last October she transitioned from her role as Chief Program Officer to that of interim CEO when the nonprofit's founding CEO, Nina Auerbach, left to lead Thrive by Five Washington [...Read more](#)

Register Online: Leadership Luncheon

[RSVP](#) for the 2009 Leadership Luncheon!

Thank you to all of our Table Captains for working so hard to fill



their tables at the 2009 Leadership Luncheon on March 6th. With their help, we are expecting 600 guests from across Washington State.

If you've not registered for the luncheon already, visit www.earlylearning.org/luncheon and sign-up today!

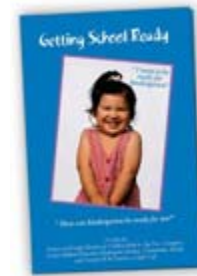


For event details, contact Jessica Cothran, Development Manager, at 206.525.4801 x30 or jessica@earlylearning.org. For information about volunteering at the luncheon, contact Margot Malarkey at margot@earlylearning.org.

Getting School Ready! Research Survey

Tell us what you think

The Foundation for Early Learning is partnering with a University of Washington Bothell class to **learn more about what you think and how you use Getting School Ready booklets**. Please share with us your thoughts.



There are two surveys one for Parents and Primary Caregivers and a second for Agencies/Schools /Organizations that have ordered the booklets. The **surveys take less than 10 minutes** to complete.

Parents and Primary Caregivers Survey:

Agencies/Schools/Organizations Survey:

<http://survey.constantcontact.com/survey/a07e2gt0psxfre04kes/start>

If the survey links do not work on your computer, please copy and paste them directly into your web browser.

Thank you in advance for your feedback!

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