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## Supporting Early Learning Takes a Community

### Guest article

The Foundation is delighted to feature a guest article from Judy Nelson from Pierce County Library System, a member of the [Early Learning Public Library Partnership](#). If you are interested in being featured in a future issue, please contact Communications Manager Joel Ballezza at [joel@earlylearning.org](mailto:joel@earlylearning.org).



The Foundation for Early Learning recently awarded three new grants to grassroots early learning coalitions in Gray's Harbor, Kittitas and Whitman Counties. This means that the Foundation now supports early learning community coalitions in every county in Washington State.

That is an amazing statement.

It also represents a great deal of work on the ground...lots of folks trying to create effective systems in their communities to build stronger systems and eliminate redundancy.

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## 2009 Early Learning Community Fair

[Sign up to host your own event](#)



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### Publications



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Interested in promoting early learning in your community? Sign up today to host your own local event as part of the [2009 Early Learning Community Fair!](#)

The statewide fair is sponsored in part by The Boeing Company and Sno-Isle Libraries.

Join over [120 organizations and groups](#) from across Washington State by setting up a booth, hosting an event, or partnering with others to highlight the importance of early learning beginning August 8, 2009. See the growing list of organizations partnering with the Foundation by visiting the [event page](#).

### It's easy - and fun!

To sign up, visit the [Foundation's site](#) or contact Program Manager Erin Okuno at [erin@earlylearning.org](mailto:erin@earlylearning.org).

### Contest: Win a Newborn Baby Gift

**Follow us on Twitter or become a Facebook fan by 7/15!**

Enter to win a Newborn Baby Gift from the Foundation for Early Learning for you or a friend by following the Foundation on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#) by July 15. It is free to join either service.



[Follow the Foundation on Twitter](#) to keep up on the newest events and news in early learning.



[Stay connected and show your support of early learning](#) by becoming a fan of the Foundation on Facebook.

### Win a Newborn Baby Gift

One [Facebook fan](#) or [Twitter follower](#) will be selected to receive a Newborn Baby Gift including: Scientist in the Crib, What's Best for My Baby and Me?, 10 Simple Ways to Encourage Learning, Getting School Ready!®, Baby Cue Cards and a one year



subscription to ParentMap.



## You're Invited: Starting Strong Conference

**Register before July 26 for a discounted rate**

The Foundation for Early Learning is excited to co-sponsor the [Starting Strong: Connecting Schools and Early Learning Providers Conference](#) on August 10-11, 2009. This conference is a unique way for teams of early learning professionals, school district staff, and other stakeholders to connect with local and national experts.

This two day conference includes workshops focused on planning effective programs and supporting children's transition to kindergarten. [Register](#) before July 26 and receive a discounted rate.

To learn more and register, visit the [OSPI website](#).



## Join the Early Learning Community

**Discover events, share tips and connect with friends**

Launched in March 2009, the [Early Learning Community](#) has grown to include over 700 members from around Washington State and the nation. This free social network makes it easy for you to find [early learning events](#) in your community, share parenting and early learning tips in the [community forum](#) and meet other community members who are passionate about early learning.

Coalitions and community organizations can also take advantage of this powerful tool by creating a group online for free. Discover the benefits of the [Early Learning Community](#) by visiting [www.earlylearningcommunity.org](http://www.earlylearningcommunity.org).



Not a member? [Create a profile today!](#)

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