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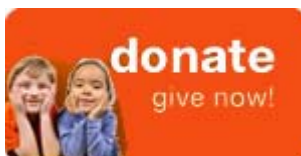
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November 2008

Foundation Welcomes New Development Manager

The Foundation for Early Learning is proud to announce that Jessica Cothran has joined our team as the new Development Manager.



Previous to joining the Foundation, Jessica Cothran worked as a fundraiser and event planner for Equal Rights Advocates in San Francisco and the Atlanta Women's Foundation. She holds a Bachelor of Business Administration in Marketing from Georgia State University.

Jessica Cothran is already busy coordinating the [2009 Leadership Luncheon](#), to be held on March 6, 2009 at the Westin Hotel in Seattle. You can contact Jessica at 206.525.4801 x30 or jessica@earlylearning.org.

Save the Date: Leadership Luncheon

The 2009 Leadership Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, March 6, 2009 at the Westin Hotel in Seattle.

Our luncheon speaker is Andrea Levere, president of the [Corporation for Enterprise Development](#) (CFED) in Washington, D.C., and pioneer in producing economic innovation.



Under Andrea Levere's direction, CFED has thrived in its mission to expand economic opportunity for low-income people and disadvantaged communities.

An excellent way for you to show your support for early learning in Washington State is to become a table captain for our upcoming



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luncheon. To learn more about this opportunity please contact
Development Manager Jessica Cothran at 206.525.4801 x30 or
jessica@earlylearning.org to request your sponsorship packet.

Success Story

Little Nickel Day Care -- Edmonds, WA

The Foundation was delighted to receive a recent message from Tammy Nickel of Little Nickel Day Care. Little Nickel Day Care is a Campbell's [Labels for Education](#) recipient.

"We just wanted to thank you for all the wonderful toys that Campbell's Soup Labels gave to my daycare. It has been so wonderful to know that the kids can have a safe place to play outside without the worry of drug dealers around.

They have truly loved the play structure and pretending they are sea captains or a teacher, etc. And the easel has been fun for them to draw and create on.

All the toys have been a great blessing to make our daycare even better and we want to thank you so much for the generous offering."

-- Tammy Nickel, Little Nickel Day Care

Thank you to all those that applied for a Labels for Education Grant! To learn more please visit www.earlylearning.org/grants.

Managing Children's Emotions During the Holidays

[Committee for Children](#) Executive Director Joan Duffell was recently featured in an article published in [Being Savy](#), a blog for parents. Joan shares simple activities to help children understand and manage their emotions, feelings, and actions during this busy time of year.

Talking together - Encourage your children to tell you how they are feeling, and share your feelings with them.

Reading together - When you are reading a storybook together, look carefully at the pictures and ask your child to figure out how the characters are feeling.

Drawing - Asking your child to draw pictures or make faces for you of someone who is happy, sad, angry, scared, surprised, or frustrated.

Playing games together - Playing board games with your child gives you lots of opportunities to practice managing feelings, following rules, taking turns, and having fun together.

Hearts - Cut out paper hearts together and put them in an envelope. Give your children a paper heart when he or she uses demonstrates caring and responsible habits. To encompass reading and writing practice, you can encourage them to write down why they got the heart. Along the way, have them count how many hearts they received in a week ... [READ MORE](#)

From Our Blog

Bad Economic Times Could Affect Lifelong Learning

Posted by Roni Ayalla, Communications Intern



A [report](#) released by [Pre-K Now](#) reveals many middle class families that do not qualify for state-funded pre-kindergarten education are now being left to "sacrifice basic household needs to pay for early education and care for their children, or to settle for low-quality options with unproven benefits," ... [READ MORE](#)

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