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"Why I Give..." by Carla Briant

A message from a Foundation for Early Learning supporter

As a little girl I was always getting into trouble. So much so, my first grade teacher tried to convince my parents that I needed special education services. If it wasn't for my parents and their commitment to my education, my school career could easily have gone in another direction. Today, I am a PhD candidate in Special Education at the University of Washington.



My passion is education. And that's why I'm proud to say I'm a donor to Foundation for Early Learning.

My reasons are simple. Early learning is one place where you can see results. Early learning is prevention. Investing now in the education of young children will have payouts that we see now and down the road in years to come...

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Foundation for Early Learning Signs Four New Partnerships

Partners share early learning information & resources

Foundation for Early Learning recently signed partnership agreements with [Icosystem](#), [Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction](#), [Parent Trust for Washington](#), [P.E.A.C.E of Mind](#) and [University of Washington's Child and Well-being Research Group](#).

These new relationships are part of a new [partner program](#), the goal of



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which is to better connect the world of early learning.

In the coming months, information from these partners, including educational games, expert advice and helpful resources, will be published in the Foundation's newsletters and websites, including on www.EarlyLearningCommunity.org.

"These partnerships connect parents and caregivers with valuable early learning information and resources" comments Vaughnetta J. Barton, Executive Director at Foundation for Early Learning...

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Win Movie Tickets: Join Us on Facebook

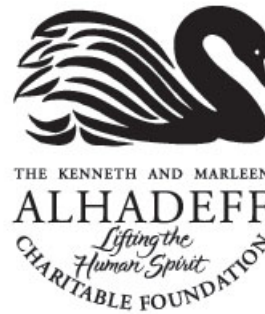
Become a fan on Facebook for a chance to win

When you become a fan of the [Foundation on Facebook](#) you are automatically entered in a contest to win a set of four movie tickets to [Majestic Bay Theatres in Seattle, WA](#). The Foundation will be giving away a set of four movie passes each day from November 2-6, 2009.

In order to participate, login to www.Facebook.com, visit [Foundation for Early Learning's Facebook page](#), and select "Become a Fan".

Good luck to all those who participate!

This event is generously sponsored by The Kenneth and Marleen Alhadeff Charitable Foundation.



Baby Name Assistant: Now on the ELC!

Learn the popularity of a name and get suggestions

The Early Learning Community now has the [Nymbler Baby Name Assistant](#) from Icosystem.

This free service recommends baby names, provides history and popularity statistics, and is a great tool for an expectant parent.

Try Nymbler today!

To learn more about



Icosystem, please visit www.icosystem.com

McCarthy & Vashee: Vote No I-1033

Foundation for Early Learning is featuring a guest blog post from Board Chair Jim McCarthy and former Chair Vijay Vashee. If you are interested in being featured in the Foundation's blog, please contact Joel Ballezza, Communications Manager at joel@earlylearning.org.

We worry about kids. We worry about our children, but we also worry about those who need us. That is why we disagree with Tim Eyman's latest initiative 1033. It is a bad idea and it will make it harder for many children and families to succeed. It will significantly reduce funding for education and critical health programs vital to our state's youngest and most vulnerable families. Vote "no" to I-1033.

VOTE NO INITIATIVE 1033

I-1033 will severely limit what Washington State can spend on children and families during a time when they need us most....

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DEL Seeks Input from Community

Share your thoughts today

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[Benchmarks](#) are early learning guidelines that are helpful in understanding what young children may know and do at different ages. They are a research-based tool to support parents, early learning educators and caregivers in helping children grow and learn. This is only a resource document --every child develops as an individual in the context of her family, culture and community.

[Take the survey today](#)

The [Department of Early Learning](#) (DEL) is seeking public input as it prepares to update the benchmarks. Click the links below to take an online survey in [English](#) or [Spanish](#). The surveys will be available until November 15.

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