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#### Early Learning Resource Fair Roundup

A special thanks goes out to all of our partners who participated in the Early Learning Resource Fair that occurred during September.

With activities complete, we had over 90 sites across Washington State host events as part of the fair. We are delighted that more than 1,000 parents, children and community members took advantage of the fair's services, and look forward to organizing future events.

Next year we plan to hosting the Early Learning Resource Fair at additional locations. If you would like to be a part of the 2009 fair, please contact Erin Okuno, Program Manager, at [erin@earlylearning.org](mailto:erin@earlylearning.org).



**Clockwise from top left: Early Learning Resource Fairs in Pierce, Chelan and King Counties.**

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## From Our Blog

### Remembering a Child---Stopping Child Abuse

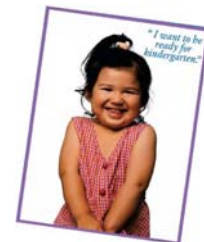
Posted by Erin Okuno, program manager

One of my first jobs was working at a therapeutic child care center. The center helped children one-month through five-years overcome the effects of child abuse and/or neglect. The young children often could not speak with words about what was happening to them but often their behaviors or their parents' behaviors had triggered a Child Protective Service response and allowed them into the center's opening arms ... [READ MORE](#)

## Getting School Ready! Booklets Available in 7 Languages

It is never too early to get a young child ready for kindergarten.

The Foundation for Early Learning is excited to announce that we now have all seven languages of our popular [Getting School Ready!](#) booklets available.



A very special thank you to The Boeing Company for their generous donation which is allowing the Foundation for Early Learning to continue to distribute and reach out to caregivers about how to prepare their early learners for school.

Getting School Ready! booklets are available in the following languages:

[Cambodian](#), [Chinese](#), [English](#), [Russian](#), [Somali](#), [Spanish](#), and [Vietnamese](#).

To date, 300,000 Getting School Ready! booklets have been distributed to families and organizations across the state.

Booklets can be easily ordered online [here](#).

## Thrive by Five Names Nina Auerbach as CEO

Partner in Early Learning Thrive by Five Washington names Nina Auerbach new President and CEO.

*"Nina Auerbach comes to Thrive after 18 years as founding CEO of Child Care Resources, a non-profit agency that helps parents find child care and provides resources and supports to child care providers."*

The Foundation for Early Learning looks forward to our continued partnership with Nina Auerbach and to working with her new team.  
***Congratulations Nina!***

Visit the [Thrive By Five Washington](#).

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