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SEPTEMBER 2008

New Executive Director Welcomed

The Foundation for Early Learning is proud to announce that Vaughnetta J. Barton has been selected as the new Executive Director. She comes with over 20 years of service in the non-profit sector and is a passionate advocate for grassroots organizing and innovative grant making efforts.



"I am excited for the opportunity to build on the past successes of the Foundation. Our coalitions are doing amazing work across Washington State and we look forward to supporting them and the broader early learning community," Vaughnetta remarked.

Prior to joining the Foundation as the Director of Programs in July 2007, Vaughnetta served in programs, communications and development positions at area organizations including Philanthropy Northwest, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Puget Sound, and Watermark Credit Union, among many others. Vaughnetta holds a master's degree in social work administration.

For more information please visit www.earlylearning.org/blog.

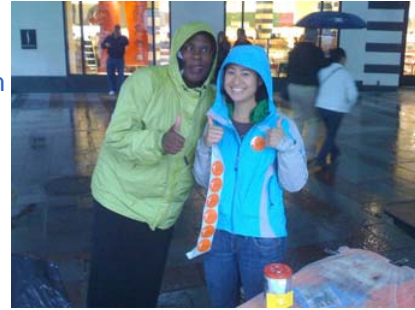
Early Learning Resource Fair a Success

On Saturday, September 20th over 90 communities around Washington State hosted Early Learning Resource Fairs. The fairs helped to bring important information and resources about early learning to families and communities to highlight what is happening in their neighborhood.

The fair was tailored to meet the needs of each community. In Wenatchee over 200 people gathered to play and learn about early learning. In other parts such as Seattle, the public libraries created

special displays at all 27 of their branches. In Everett's public libraries families that attended their fairs were able to gather information about getting ready for Kindergarten including the popular Getting School Ready!® booklets.

The Foundation for Early Learning also hosted a booth at Westlake Park in downtown Seattle. The booth attracted a diverse group of city goers and a few tourists. Many walked away with information about how they can help youngsters learn and grow.



Next year we plan on hosting the fair at additional locations. If you would like to be a part of the next year's Early Learning Resource Fair, please contact Erin Okuno, Program Manager at erin@earlylearning.org.

Children's Alliance Survey

The Children's Alliance is currently conducting their [2009 Public Policy Survey](#). Your valuable feedback will assist them in supporting the community's needs during the next legislative session.

You are encouraged to provide feedback on the status of early learning, child safety, mental health, and juvenile justice, among other topics.

[Survey Link](#)

Thank you for supporting this important effort!

Coalition Communications Workshop

Event: Coalition Communications Workshop

Location: 2100 24th Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98118

Time/Date: October 27, 2008 8:30am - 3:30pm

The Foundation for Early Learning is excited to announce a FREE communications workshop provided to our community coalition partners and past grantees. This free workshop will be held on October 27, 2008 from 8:30 - 3:30pm at the 2100 building in Seattle, WA.

[Register today!](#)

This workshop will cover:

- Communication Essentials
- Message Development
- Product Development
- Plan Implementation

Space is limited to Foundation for Early Learning grant recipients and community coalitions. Only 35 seats are available for the workshop. Please register soon. Coalition members are encouraged to register in pairs for this event for team assignments. Lunch will be provided.

Register

To learn more or to register for this workshop, please visit:
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/45811>

Questions

For any questions regarding this event, please contact
joel@earlylearning.org.

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