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September 2009

Early Learning Community Fair Kicked Off 8/8

[Local fair events connect early learning resources with the community](#)



The Early Learning Community Fairs have officially begun. August 8, 2009 was the first day of many early learning fairs. The Mid-Columbia Libraries hosted an event at their Kennewick branch which included a cake-walk --- to help children learn their numbers, much like playing musical chairs. In Walla Walla, families were greeted at grocery stores and provided with fun learning activities on how

to engage their children while shopping.

The Seattle fair took place in conjunction with Casey Family Programs' *Educational Resource Street Fair*. Families learned about community agencies, children took part in activities, and even received dental check-ups!

Additional fairs will take place in September. To view a location in your home town, [click here](#).

Check out [photos](#) from various fair locations and the [video](#) of Foundations staff explaining our publications that help prepare children for kindergarten.

For more information about the 2009 Early Learning Community Fair, visit www.earlylearning.org/fair.



2009 Early Learning Community Fair Map



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A Good Day in Libraryland

Guest article

The Foundation is delighted to feature a guest article from Brian Soneda with Mount Vernon City Library, a member of the [Early Learning Public Library Partnership](#). The photo includes Mount Vernon City Library Director Brian Soneda with his daughter Kioko. If you are interested in being featured in a future issue, please contact Communications Manager Joel Ballezza at joel@earlylearning.org.

For my contribution to the Foundation blog, I have decided to tell a little story about a little book, [Getting School Ready!®](#). As you all know, this valuable booklet (and it's versions in Cambodian, Chinese, English, Korean, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese) is a product of a fruitful collaboration between the Foundation for Early Learning and Boeing, United Way, CHILD Profile, and others. It has great information with "the whole child" in mind that parents and caregivers need to know before kids enter school.

When Margy Miller, of Ready Children Consulting, announced to local supporters of Early Learning in early August that a new stock of these booklets were available, she also asked...



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The first issue will be published in September 2009. For questions or to have your organization's information included in an upcoming issue of Early Words contact joel@earlylearning.org.

Capacity-Building Grant Opportunity

A message from our partners at [Council for Children & Families](#)

SAVE THE DATE:

CCF TO ANNOUNCE CAPACITY-BUILDING GRANT OPPORTUNITIES
SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

Council for Children & Families (CCF) is pleased to announce that directions and the template for the *2010 Letter of Intent* will be available beginning September 4, 2009.

Please visit the grant application page on our website starting September 4, 2009, for additional information regarding our grant process, including frequently asked questions (FAQ).

ABOUT CCF GRANTS

CCF provides funding for community-based programs serving Washington State. Funding is available to any private, non-profit agency, government entity or faith-based organization.

For more information, visit www.ccf.wa.gov.

Early Learning Resolution Signed

DEL, OSPI, and Thrive by Five sign-on together

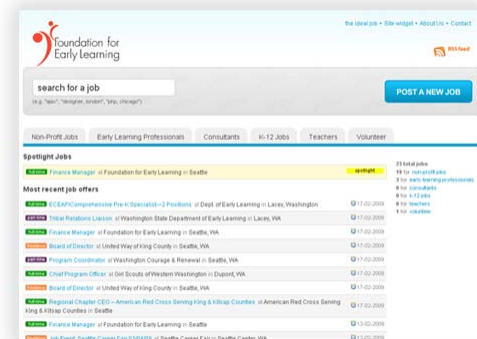
On August 11, 2009, leadership from Department of Early Learning, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and Thrive by Five Washington signed a new resolution, stating the focus of their public-private partnership. To read the document, [click here](#).

Early Learning Jobs Board

Post or apply for non-profit and early learning jobs for free

Discover your next career in the world of early learning by visiting www.EarlyLearningJobs.org. Job seekers can browse postings from around Washington State and apply to positions for free.

Jobs offered by this free job board include non-profit, early learning, education, government, and child care provider positions.



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List positions for free

Non-profit, philanthropic and public-sector organizations can post and manage job listings at no cost. To list a position today, visit <http://www.earlylearningjobs.org/post/>.

For questions regarding posting to the job board or to review the [posting guidelines](#), please visit

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