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A Word From Your President, *Christine Price*

This is the beginning of my term as President of WSFCCA. I am looking forward to connecting with each chapter of WSFCCA. In the last four years we have seen a lot of changes in the childcare field. Providers have been dealing with the new WAC changes, and all that it entails, plus the new changes with MERIT. I am looking forward to the next two years and helping our members navigate all the changes with MERIT and Earlier Achievers.

I have been reading the various comments and concerns on the various chat groups and the new WSFCCA chat group. The topics range from valuable tax help, public policy reports, portable background check information, Early Achievers Program, STARS trainings and conferences around the state, Chapter events, WAC changes, summer activities and much more. You can join the new chat group at this web address <http://groups.yahoo.com/groups/WSFCCAAssociation/>

WSFCCA has also put up a new Facebook page. You can find our Facebook at www.facebook.com/WashingtonFamilyChildCareAssociation2013. The WSFCCA chat group and Facebook page are easy ways to connect with providers across the state and get up-to-date DEL and legislative information that affects us all.

Since I have been a member of my local chapter, I have made it a point to attend our monthly meetings. I am always learning something new from other providers in my area. The information that I get has really been helpful and it's just fun to be around other providers. Providers have many of the same issues that I have and it's great to get new ideas and methods on how to take care of my business

My hope as your new President is to try and find ways to help support chapters and to increase WSFCCA membership.

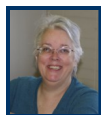
Sincerely,
Christine Price
President of WSFCCA

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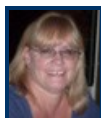
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IMPORTANT

Everyone who is required under state laws and DEL regulations to have a background check must complete a MERIT portable background check application before June 30, 2013. Check with your licensor if you have not done so.

Public Policy *by Sue Winn*

As everyone knows we do not have a State Budget at this time. Until that happens we don't know what is going to happen to Early Learning. We are still working to allow Family Child Care to be ECEAP sites. There is still hope this will happen.

I am also sitting on a committee to change the MERIT Trainers process. So far we have made great progress. I am encouraged that DEL is listening and willing to make changes. Stay tuned and as things become official I will let you know.

We are also working on changes to Early Achievers. So far many changes have been made. But be aware that funding is still an issue. If you have concerns about Early Achievers be sure to let me know so that I can pursue these.

I just got word today that Bob Hamilton is retiring this month. He will be greatly missed. I do not know if any one will replace him or who that person will be.

Keep letting your legislators know that we need a budget and one with an emphasis on Early Learning. If you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you Sue Winn
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Highlights from the SEIU 925 Contract, July 1, 2013 - July 30, 2015

By Christine Price

- July 1, 2013 No absence days. If a child attends one day during the month you can claim the total authorized days. If they are authorized for 23 days and there are only 20 work days in the month you can only claim 20 days. Remember if you are closed for any of those days you can't claim those either. In July I was closed on July 5th. I cannot claim that day. I can only claim 22 days not 23.
- The field trip/activity fee is now \$30.00 a month.
- We have a 2% subsidy increase on September 1st, 2013 and an additional 2% for those who have enrolled in Early Achievers.
- Case load for Working Connections will stay at 33,000. This is the limit of those families who are available to access state subsidies. They might have to go back to a waiting list.
- SEIU is not sure when the contract will be finished and mailed out to union members.



Board of Director 2013—2014 Meeting Schedule

A new meeting schedule was put together at the June 22, 2013 Board of Director's meeting in Richland, WA. Please mark your calendars and make every effort to join us. The April 26, 2014 date is available to any chapter that would like to host the meeting.

October 12, 2013—East King
 January 11, 2014—South Snohomish
 April 26, 2014—OPEN
 June 28, 2014—Benton-Franklin



Chris Price is looking into scheduling Elaine Larson from Child Care Aware to come and discuss Early Achievers with the Board of Directors at the October 12th meeting hosted by East King. Elaine is the Director of the NW Washington Region of Early Achievers. Chris attended her orientation on June 18th and stated that she was very informative and seemed to want to come and answer any questions we might have.

WSFCCA Welcomes Pam Carino as Vice President



Hello fellow Providers,

This is coming to you from your newly elected Vice-President, Pam Carino. Even though I have won by default (no one running against me) I will fulfill my duties as your Vice President with the time and care that I would give if I had won running against more opponents.

I feel that having a State Family Association is very important to all child care providers whether or not you are a member. Being part of a state function gives us power in numbers and sometimes we need that. Each chapter is strong within themselves but together we will stand stronger.

I hope everyone is up to date with your MERIT information. There is a lot to do. Did you know that if you can't get to the next step sometimes you have to call your licensor to OK what you're doing in the system?



New WSFCCA Parliamentarian

Diana Scott from the East King Chapter is the new WSFCCA Parliamentarian. WSFCCA welcomes Diana into this position and looks forward to working with her.

Diana will be responsible for clarification on WSFCCA Bylaws and Roberts Rule of Order.

WSFCCA Chapter Events



The Thurston County Chapter has been hosting monthly socials focusing on making connections and getting information out to our members. We meet at different restaurants, try out the cuisine and spend time talking about daycare issues having to do with individual problems and the direction of DEL. We also send out a newsletter that highlights different educational information and tips on activities to do with children. Our members have access to GEE Whiz Educational material for children.

The South Snohomish Chapter just had our 5 hour workshop on outdoor activities and environments. We co-hosted with Snohomish County Family Child Care Association. Everyone seemed to have a great time. The workshop was well attended with 35 providers coming. Cheryl Iverson the Director of Child & Youth Services Volunteers of America presented a very hands-on workshop. We have already had a response on our chat group from Nancy Dalen about the workshop:

"The outdoor environments workshop on Saturday in Edmonds was wonderful. Cheryl is such a knowledgeable speaker. And the hosting chapters, wow, I could not believe the food they provided. It was amazing! Everything was so delicious and the corn on the cob was great and still hot at the end of the line! You ladies outdid yourselves. Linda, thank you for opening up your house for the event. It is so nice that you have the forested greenbelt right next to your house. Your whole set up is awesome. Thank you for a fun day of learning and meeting other providers!"

We are taking a summer break right now. We are in the planning stages for our Tour of Homes.

We also have a new co-chair. Her name is Amy McCoy. We are really looking forward to working with her.

We are just buzzing at **South West King**. Our meetings are well attended, from 30 to 40 members and guests. At the May meeting we elected our Vice President, Linda Webb, who has served us for about 8 years now. Also we elected Michelle Martin as Treasurer. *Welcome Michelle*. She will be a great addition to our board. Thank you Pam Carino and Vicki Chow for being treasurers for so many years, your service has been greatly appreciated.

Also at the May meeting CCR came with four computers and helped our members get updated on the MERIT system.

At our June meeting on the 22nd we will be having the Kent Fire Department, Melanie Taylor train us on Summer Safety. In August we will have our annual Tour of Homes. Feel free to contact us on details if you want to attend.

We are already planning our MERIT trainings for our next fiscal year with excitement. Our meetings keep growing as well as our knowledge of becoming better Professional Childcare Providers.

Sincerely,
Suzanne Ybarra President

The Columbia River Chapter will be working with Early Achievers as a family child care cohort support group in Vancouver. Our group will meet for an orientation at the home of Tekla Frederick in July and work together as a group through the EA process. The group will meet monthly at one of our homes with our two coaches who will be there to answer questions and support our progress. Early Achievers is anxious to see if this is successful and appeals to providers and if so may bring it forward to the rest of the state.

Members are excited about our upcoming STARS training in September with Clark College. The ECE Department at Clark will give members a tour of their new outdoor environment and guidance on how to support children's learning and play through the outdoors.

Columbia River took off the summer months from meetings and is looking forward to our end of the summer bbq and getting back together with each other in August!

The **Sky Valley Chapter (SVFCCA)** reports that in April, Cheryl Iverson from the VOA taught a class on Observations and Assessments. It was very interesting and everyone wants to continue with the next level class that she offers.

In May, we had an Early Achievers Orientation to learn more about the program. We also had our fire extinguishers checked that evening.

We will probably not meet during the summer, but will be meeting again in September for the second Observations/ Assessments class on Tuesday, the 17th.

Nancy Dalen
SVFCCA, Chapter President
360-568-5377



Bylaw Committee Report

YA!!! We are done with the rewrite and approval of the Bylaws. We started in July 2012 and finished the whole process at the April 2013 meeting.

I want to thank the committee for all their hard work. It was a new experience doing everything on Skype. It worked great and we didn't need to leave our homes to go to a meeting.

We changed the format a little so hopefully it will be easier to read and find information about WSFCCA. We tried to define some areas; such as the Purpose of WSFCCA; and took some areas out that we felt weren't necessary in the bylaws. One section that was added under Membership is Section 4 Resignations. We really tried to define the process that an Executive Board Member needs to follow when they make the decision to resign from the Executive Board. Section 6 Vacancies was an area that we tried to define the process. It now reads "In the event any officer is unable to serve a full term of office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a pro-tem replacement. The remaining executive board will call a special meeting to appoint a new officer if necessary."

The Bylaws have been posted on www.wsfcca.com

Christine Price – Committee Chairperson
Wendy Avery
Lori Hope
Linda Brehmer
Carol Wilson

Dates to Remember

2013 Annual Conference
SSAAYC Regional Tapestry Early
Childhood Conference
September 28th, 2013
7:00 am - 4:00 pm
<http://ssaeyc.org/>



WSFCCA Board of Directors Meeting
Hosted by the East King Chapter
October 12, 2013
Begins at 8:30 AM
<http://www.wsfcca.com/>



Northwest Region Readies for Early Achievers

Long awaited, the Northwest Region of our state is finally gearing up for Early Achievers! As of July 1st, 2013, family child care (and center providers) in Snohomish, Skagit, Whatcom, Island and San Juan counties can begin registering for this exciting new program.

The first step is to register for an upcoming orientation in your area. We plan to offer these sessions all around the region, at times that will be convenient to providers, evenings and on Saturdays. At these sessions, you will get a big picture of what Early Achievers is (helpful, and resource rich for you) and what it isn't (required, and scary). Be looking for more information coming soon.

Once you attend an orientation, you will be able to register in MERIT for Early Achievers (after July 1). To do this, you will need to have your facility registered in MERIT. We can help you do this! After you register for Early Achievers, you will be assigned a Technical Assistance Specialist who will help guide you through the Early Achievers process. These TA Specialists work for Child Care Aware of Northwest Washington and have extensive knowledge in child care and early learning.

In addition to the technical assistance you will receive once you join Early Achievers, you will also have access to some online and face to face classes, which are offered to you free of charge. The classes will count towards your annual STARS hours.

Our staff will be housed in Bellingham and Everett in order to have better access to the whole region. To contact us, please call 1-888-444-1862 ext. 227 or e-mail us at childcare@oppco.org. You can learn more about Early Achievers at this site <http://www.del.wa.gov/care/gris/>

We are looking forward to working with you!

WSFCCA Website

Tekla Frederick from the Columbia River Chapter is taking some well deserved time off and has stepped down from website maintenance of the WSFCCA website, www.wsfcca.com. Bonnie Senter from the South Snohomish chapter is now the person to contact for any website concerns. You can contact Bonnie Senter at bonniesenter@frontier.com.

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Legislative Action was taken to exempt School Aged Drop In Programs from licensing if House Bill 1547:

- Provides recreational or educational programming for school-aged children only.
- Uses a drop-in model, where children are able to attend during any or all program hours without a formal reservation.
- Does not assume responsibility in lieu of the parent, unless for coordinated transportation.
- Is a local affiliate of a national nonprofit.
- Is in compliance with all safety and quality standards set by the national agency.

House Bill 1547, sponsored by **Rep. Maureen Walsh, R-Walla Walla.**

At this time the only program that meets these requirements are Boys and Girls Clubs

Jelly Fish Math from Early Childhood Ed Blog



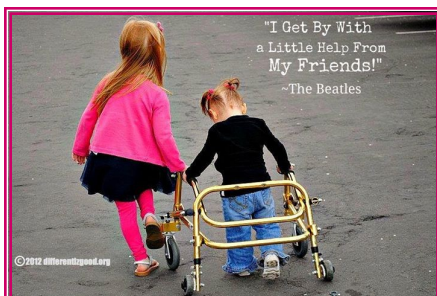
What you need: Glue, paper plates, markers/paint, and googly eyes.

- Have the children assemble and color their jellyfish.
- Then draw numbers on each tentacle.
- Have them match googly eyes to the numbers on the tentacles.

For information on Online Training Packets please visit <http://enrollment.cdatraining.org/>



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Business Name _____

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STARS ID _____

DATE APPLICATION SUBMITTED _____



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*Accidental/Medical Insurance will
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*Mail in your application today or
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- FULL MEMBER (Holds a valid child care license)
- ASSOCIATE MEMBER (spouse, assistant, retired)
- AUXILARY (supporter)

CHOOSE YOUR CHAPTER (SEE CHAPTER LIST PAGE 2)

CHAPTER _____

DUES FOR THAT CHAPTER \$ _____

ACCIDENTAL/MEDICAL INSURANCE (THIS IS NOT LIABILITY INSURANCE)

\$50.00 PER YEAR FOR UP TO 12 CHILDREN OCT 1, 2012—SEPT 30,2013

This Accidental Insurance is a secondary coverage to the parent's Insurance. It will pick up what the parent's insurance won't cover or all costs if there is no insurance. See wsfcca.com for more information and to read the Policy. Contact Lorri Hope immediately should an accident happen.

CHAPTER DUES \$ _____

ACCIDENTAL/MEDICAL \$ _____

TOTAL DUE \$ _____

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Nombre del Capítulo (Grupo) _____

LAS CUOTAS PARA ESE CAPÍTULO \$ _____

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\$50 dólares por año hasta 12 niños (1 de Octubre, 2012 - 30 de Septiembre, 2012)

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Cubrirá todo lo que el seguro de los padres no cubra o todos los gastos si no hay ningún otro seguro. Vea WSFCCA.com para mayor información y para leer la póliza. Póngase en contacto con Lorri Hope inmediatamente en caso de que ocurra un accidente.

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