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STAY CONNECTED

You can join the new WSFCCA chat group by emailing Chris Price chrisplace@comcast.net and request an invite to our chat group. WSFCCA has also put up a new Facebook page. You can find our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/WashingtonFamilyChild-CareAssociation2013>. The WSFCCA chat group and Facebook page are easy ways to stay connected with providers across the state and get up-to-date DEL and legislative information that affects us all.

Message from the President

Dear Members,

I am looking forward to the Saturday April 16th Executive Board meeting of WSFCCA. We have invited Ross Hunter, the new Director of the Department of Early Learning and Heather Moss the Deputy Director of the Department of Early Learning. This meeting, as always, is open to all members who wish to attend. Please think about coming to this important meeting.



We need to show Mr. Hunter and Ms. Moss that we are a viable entity and have concerns about DEL and what it will look like under Mr. Ross's leadership. There will be a continental breakfast at 8:30 am, the meeting will start at 9:00 am with the reading of the last minute's. Mr. Hunter is scheduled for 10:00 am beginning with a tour of the new location for the Child Care Providers Preschool Cooperative located at 17529 15th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155. This meeting will be open to any provider or child care advocate who wishes to attend to meet Mr. Hunter and ask him questions.

We are still looking for someone to take on the responsibility of Secretary of WSFCCA. This position is something that we really need to fill. It is important that the Executive Board has someone to record the minutes and to assist in sending out information to the membership. Please contact me if you are interested. You will need to have been a member of WSFCCA for a year to take on this responsibility.

Have a great Spring and hope to see you at the April 16th meeting.

Sincerely,
Christine Price
WSFCCA President.



SAVE THE DATE!

WSFCCA State Meeting on April, 16 2016, South Snohomish Chapter Family Child Care
Cost is \$10.00 for lunch – Meeting will begin at 9:00 am till 3:00 pm.

Location is 17529 15th Ave NE, Shoreline, WA 98155

RSVP: Wendy Avery • wkavery@comcast.net or (206) 898-0999 by April 13th

Everyone is invited.

Public Policy: by Melba Halgren SEIU Local 925 News

When the Washington state Family Child Care Association was looking for a union, they choose SEIU for a good reason. They knew that without a strong union, we did not have the power to make important changes in the way childcare providers are treated. I have been active with the union for nearly 10 years. I have seen first hand how the union has given us a voice. We get to sit at the table with the state and bargain a contract that allows providers to have the funds to do quality childcare.

Marie Keller is our Local 925 Chapter President. Marie sent me a quick list of recent achievements. So here they are in her words:

- The Early Start Act of 2015 means that the policies are changing in Early Learning. SEIU 925 members are now serving on committees and are engaged in advocating for policies that work for us. One change is an education requirement. Everyone needs to verify they have a high school diploma or GED to stay licensed by April 2017. SEIU has negotiated ways providers can accomplish this. You can earn an Initial Certificate at any one of the 21 community and technical colleges offering ECE programs. They are available in multiple languages, in cohort groups, and online. Providers can also apply for a scholarship to get an Initial Certificate or GED. **You may also rate at a level 3 or higher in Early Achievers to meet the criteria.**
- Enrollment in Early Achievers is now required for anyone who wants to be accept a childcare subsidy. There are deadlines, supports, grants, and guidance and more information is available at CCA of Washington. Deadline for enrollment is August 2016. You must rate at a level 3 by December 2019.
- Substitute Pool: We are now enrolling. We are building a pool of qualified substitutes. Please call 1-877-734-8673 if you are interested in enrolling.
- In April the union will be launching statewide STEM trainings for family childcare providers. Call the Member Resource Center @ 1-877-734-8673 for more information. There will be a flyer coming out showing the next regional meeting in your area, which will be on STEM.
- SEIU 925 has launched a Member Benefits Program exclusive to our members. Discounts are available on curriculum, movie tickets, professional services, liability insurance, etc. Call the member Resource Center @ 1-877-734-8673 for more info.
- ECEAP is piloting in family childcare. Do you think you may like to contract with DEL to deliver a high quality preschool program? Expansion is available now in Spokane and Vancouver. We hope to learn a lot about how to make ECEAP work in licensed family homes this year and expand all over the state.
- Early Achievers 2.0: “The Race to the Top” grants and funding is now over. The Early Start Act is continuing to fund tiered reimbursement, quality awards, scholarships and grants for Early Achievers participants. The legislature has required a task force of Early Learning advocates to continue to improve EA to reduce barriers and build participation. It is a continuous work in progress, and we want to hear from you. Please contact Marie Keller @ 1-425-210-9057 or hmariefeller@yahoo.com with your thoughts and ideas.
- A Professional Development Institute will support preparing substitutes, and other professionals in the field with relevant trainings to their work.



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- We won our Contract! Now we must get the legislature to fund it. Call the legislature hotline @ 1-800-562-6000 today and ask for your legislators' support. The legislative session ends March 10th.

Let's stay strong and support OUR union, SEIU 925. Outside forces are trying to weaken us, but we know that we are stronger together!!! I encourage every provider to be a union member. We've already won big changes for quality childcare. Let's keep going strong. --Melba

Bev Bos 1934-2016 by Bonnie Senter

Wow! What an inspiration she was for so many!

Bev has been an advocate for child-centered, developmentally appropriate, play-based, early learning education for preschoolers for 5 decades.

She has inspired and influenced many early childhood educators by showing us how giving a young child the proper environment, will allow that young child to create and have experiences that will follow them throughout their whole life.

She allowed the children in her program to learn through doing and experiencing a philosophy that we all feel strongly about. By traveling around the country sharing her wisdom Bev has literally touched and influenced the lives of Millions of people both children and adults with her teachings.



We were fortunate to have her as our presenter at the State Conference in October 2015. She shared her vision and photographs of her Community Preschool in Roseville, California.

***Rest In Peace Bev Bos we will miss you dearly
but we will keep your wisdom and inspiration in our hearts forever.***

Save The Date October 22, 2016

WSFCCA 2016 Conference

Keynote speaker RICHARD COHEN, M.A.

Engaging & Inspiring Early Childhood Professional

The 2016 Conference is at the
New Life Church • 15711 152nd Avenue Southeast, Renton, WA 98058.

Explore his website: <https://richie4360.wordpress.com/>

Infant Care -- SIDS/SUID and Sleeping

Can you identify non-compliance items in these infant sleeping area?



Bouncers are not safe for infants to sleep in or be kept in for long periods of time. Babies are propped at an angle in bouncers, which then poses a tip hazard. If the infant is not strapped in properly, there is also the hazard that he/she could roll out.

Rockers or similar devices as shown in this photo are not safe for infants to sleep in or to stay in for long periods of time. These devices pose a tip or trip hazard, especially when there are older children in care. In addition, if the baby is not strapped in properly he/she could potentially roll over and suffocate.



Babies should never be allowed to sleep on an adult bed or propped up like this photo displays. This baby could easily roll over and be suffocated by the pillow. This is extremely dangerous.

This baby is sleeping in a basket (container) inside a crib. As illustrated in the photo, there are many potential hazards in the crib which increase the infant's risk of SIDS/SUID: soft bedding, toys, pillows, and so on. If a baby does fall asleep in a container, he/she must be transferred immediately into safe sleeping environment such as approved crib or playpen.

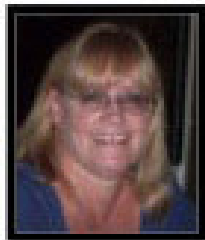


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1-866-4325 or
360-725-4665

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Ross Hunter, Director,	360-725-4584
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Legislative Hotline

1-800-562-6000

Legislative Information Center 360-786-7573

Bill Room

360-786-7573

SEIU Member Support

1-877-734-8673

Small Business Medical/Dental 206-372-7811

Report Child/Adult Abuse

1-866-ENDHARM toll-free: (866-363-4276)

Subsidy Provider Line

1-800-394-4571

Working Connections

1-866-218-3244

Child Care Aware

1-800-446-1114

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