# 2016 Annual Report





educational opportunities for children & families

A premier leader for early learning and family services since 1967

**Our Mission** Strengthening children and families through early learning, child development education, and community partnerships.

~ working together for generational change

## A Long Tradition of Excellence

Educational Opportunities for Children and Families (EOCF) is in our 49th year of operation. We continue to be the leading provider of comprehensive early childhood education and family support programs in Southwest Washington. As one of the largest social service organizations in Southwest Washington, EOCF is

the second largest social service nonprofit organization in Clark County with an annual operating budget of more than \$11 million and 260 employees. EOCF serves more than 1,500 at-risk children and families annually in our federal and state early learning programs. Another 2,000 children are served in the HotShots Youth Sports program for children grades 1-6. EOCF's service areas include Clark County, Long Beach in Pacific County, and the Woodland portion of Cowlitz County.

EOCF is fortunate to have strong community support. Clark College partners with EOCF to give nursing students the opportunity to experience working with young children. We receive state and federal funding that allows us to provide early learning for children birth to age five; however, it takes an additional mandatory \$1.6 million in community donations of cash and other in-kind goods and services to operate. Therefore, our community partnerships are essential. We are extremely grateful for our dedicated families, partners, community members, Board of Directors, Parent Policy Council and staff for their ongoing support.

"EOCF continues to focus on expanding the numbers of families that we provide quality comprehensive early learning and childcare services to in SW Washington."

EOCF continues to collaborate through community partnerships, to seek classroom facilities in neighborhoods with the most need and to position the agency for additional expansion of the state's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) in 2017 and beyond.

#### Timeline

- ★ <u>1967</u>- Incorporated in 1967 as Economic Opportunity Committee (EOC) of Clark County, a Community Action Program agency to administer War on Poverty programs.
- ★ Early 1970s EOC's Board of Directors focused exclusively on serving low-income children and families through Head Start, the federal government's preschool education program.
- ★ <u>1980s</u> EOC added the Washington State-funded Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP).
- ★ 1990s EOC expanded Head Start (HS) services to Pacific County, opened seven new HS centers in Clark County, moved a center to Woodland, became the administrator of the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers program (ESIT), and launched Early Head Start and full-day HS services.
- ★ 2003 The agency's name was changed to Educational Opportunities for Children and Families to better reflect the services provided to the community. EOCF also assumed sponsorship of the HotShots Youth Sports program.
- ★ 2000-2010 EOCF faced several challenges in the first decade of the new millennium related to significant funding decreases and service expansion slowdowns.
- ★ 2013 EOCF introduced our new logo and tagline: connect | empower | transform

to refresh our look and more clearly communicate our mission and outcomes for some of the most vulnerable children and families.

★ 2014 - EOCF opened two new centers in Clark County: one on MacArthur Blvd. and one at the Ninety Ninth Center in Hazel Dell.

**2015-16** - EOCF partnered with Evergreen Public Schools to offer co-taught special education classrooms at two elementary schools.

### Life-Changing, Comprehensive Services

EOCF offers a wide range of services and programs in response to the needs of children and families in EOCF's service areas, including:

- ★ Part-day, full-day, and home-based Head Start and co-taught blended classrooms, partnering with Evergreen and Battle Ground Public Schools
- ★ Part-day Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)
- ★ Full-day and home-based Early Head Start
- ★ Sponsorship of the Vancouver HotShots Youth Sports basketball program for grades 1-6

Founded in 1967, EOCF continues to provide children the best possible start on their educational careers with a whole-child individualized curriculum and observational assessment. EOCF also supports a foundation for parents to be their children's first and best teachers and helps parents strengthen their families' skills and experience in the following areas:

- ★ Family well-being
- ★ Positive parent-child relationships
- ★ Families as lifelong learners and educators
- ★ Family engagement in lifestyle transitions
- ★ Family connections to peers and community
- ★ Families as advocates and leaders

Research demonstrates that early learning programs help children to succeed in kindergarten, elementary school and beyond. All of EOCF's preschool programs and services promote high-quality and developmentally appropriate best practices, focusing on the whole child, including cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development. School readiness is the focus and foundation for all of EOCF's programs. Many opportunities exist for parents to build on their strengths, improve their parenting and leadership skills, connect with their community, and advocate for themselves and their families.

While EOCF strives to serve as many children as possible, current funding only allows EOCF to serve about 25% of the eligible children in our service area.



Having fun tracking the books we read!

### 2016 Highlights

- ★ Parents and support staff attended the 2016 Advocacy Day in Olympia.
- ★ Hosted the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Early Learning Champions Awards Luncheon, honoring seven community champions and sharing the proceeds with SELF (Support for Early Learning and Families).
- ★ Held our 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Red & White on a Summer's Night" event at Bethany Vineyard & Winery, celebrating early learning.
- ★ EOCF is working with three Washington Reading Corps members to deliver literacy activities for children and families throughout the program year.
- EOCF is working with Clark College nursing students to provide hands-on learning and interaction with young children throughout the program year.

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## **Our Mission Accomplished**

### **EOCF is a Powerful Program!** – by Cherise Billington, parent, former Policy Council Chair and WSA Ambassador



EOCF programs significantly impacted my family. Our experience began after a well-child check up for my son. He and I were asked questions about kindergarten readiness and I was stunned at how much he was lacking. They referred me to EOCF and my son was enrolled in Home-based Head Start. In the short amount of time we had to work with, he was able to learn skills that helped him. And, I learned of some areas of concern that were an indicator of a learning disability in the future.

#### **Children Transformed**

I also have two daughters that have received services. The oldest one is in second grade and has done so well in school because of the foundation that Head Start provided. She was enrolled in the Home-based program which suited her best. My daughter was extremely shy and her teacher worked with her to help overcome the social anxiety she expressed. During that time I was shown the <u>Parents as Teachers</u> curriculum. I learned how everyday tasks were teachable moments with my child. Today my daughter is confident and eager to learn every day! My youngest daughter is currently enrolled in a Head Start classroom and it has been so beneficial for her and our family. The classroom setting fits her needs perfectly so she can grow and learn. In times that were very difficult for our family EOCF's Head Start was one of the only stable influences in her life.

#### **A Family Empowered**

Our family experienced homelessness for almost two years. Because of the access to Head Start, I knew how

to press on until brighter days. One of the greatest qualities about EOCF's programs is the "whole family" approach. Our first Home-based teacher is the reason that I have found my passion in life. She saw something in me that I did not see in myself—a leader and an advocate. Through her prompting I ran for the Parent Policy Council and that opened the door to increasing opportunities. The Family Engagement role in serving families is a huge part of the success rate. I have benefited from the resources, trainings and encouragement from the staff. Through Policy Council parents learn to be an advocate, leader and teacher. Together as parents we give back to our community by serving in it. EOCF helps parents to see that once you place value in yourself you can keep pressing on until the right outcome happens. EOCF is such a powerful program to be involved with. They connect

"Because of EOCF I knew how to press on through two years of homelessness, and I found my passion as a leader and advocate!"

you with greatness, empower you with confidence, and transform you with community. I gained useful skills to help in all areas of my life!

#### **Community Connections**

Cherise was elected as chair of EOCF's Parent Policy Council and a WSA Ambassador, and has advocated for early learning with legislators at state and national levels. She continues her involvement in early learning and mentoring other parents to advocate for their children through several community outreach programs.

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## **Engaging the Entire Family**

The involvement of families can have a powerful impact on a child. Research has shown that parental involvement in their children's education can result in a variety of positive outcomes including greater interest in school, better attendance, enhanced teacher-child relationships, and increased self esteem. Staff at EOCF partner with parents and guardians to set family goals, develop connections to community resources, and create opportunities for family engagement through volunteering in the classroom, assisting with planning center events, participating in parent training opportunities, serving on EOCF committees, and representing program parents as an elected member of EOCF's Parent Policy Council, one of two governing bodies for Head Start agencies.

#### **Training and Events Provided for Families**

- ★ Presenting <u>Becoming a Love and Logic Parent</u> classes
- ★ Family literacy events in partnership with Washington Reading Corps featuring storytelling, games, and free books
- ★ Classes for parents of children with disabilities such as Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Trainings
- ★ Parent Workshops, presented in partnership with Clark County Food Bank, included:
  - Cooking Matters
- Picky Eaters
- Seed-to-Supper
- Garden Planting
- Container Gardening
- "EOCF coordinated over 100 family engagement events in 2016."



### Parent Policy Council: Strengthening Leadership Thank you to our 2015-2016 Policy Council Members

Cherise Billington, Chair Erin Stepanek, Vice-Chair Jessica Weeks, PC Board Delegate Bessie Cooper, Treasurer Melissa Fields, Secretary Jova Belmontes Sinoun Buth Tamera Collum Amanda Corbin Bertha Corona Ana Correa-Farias Jodhan Ford Claudia Franson Jeane "Nova" Gump Ashlynn Hebdon-Fuller Alba Martinez Patricia Martinez Patricia Mendoza-Gonzaga Edith Patterson Natalya Potapov Viridiana Rios Rojas Amy Roark Stacy Robinson Crystal Saylor Dreva Smith Victoria Westley





EOCF's Head Start programs received funding for 520 children and families. Our part-day classrooms served 531 children, 79 were served in full-day childcare classrooms, and 49 were provided with Homebased services.

EOCF's state early learning (EL) program received funding for 467 children and families and, with turnover, a total of 599 were served. Of the children enrolled in Head Start, 89% received physical exams and 94% received dental screenings. In ECEAP 90% received physical exams and 88% received dental screenings. EOCF operates two programs serving children ages 3-5, the federally-funded Head Start program and the Washington State-funded Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP). The goal of these programs is to prepare children for entry into public schools. These programs actively recruit low-income families and children with disabilities and/or special needs. Head Start offers part-day part-year, full-day full-year, and homebased options, while ECEAP offers a part-day, part-year option. Programs provide education for children and families, ongoing assessments, opportunities to strengthen the home-to-school connection, comprehensive healthcare, family engagement activities, access and referrals to community resources, and 1/3 to 2/3 of children's daily nutritional needs.

2015-2016 Program Year Enrollment	Funded	Total Children Served
Head Start Part-Day	433	531
Head Start Full-Day	52	79
Head Start Home-based	35	49
ECEAP (State EL program)	467	599
TOTAL	987	1158

Funded in partnership with DEL:





## Early Head Start

Early Head Start is a federally-funded, community-based program offering home-based and center-based models for pregnant women and low-income families with infants and toddlers (ages birth-to-three). Enrolled families and pregnant women/couples work with staff to develop a plan that is driven by family identified strengths, needs, resources, and goals. The program's mission is to promote healthy prenatal outcomes for pregnant women, enhance the development of very young children, and promote healthy family functioning by focusing on relationship



building. Of the children enrolled in Early Head Start, 72% received physical exams and 89% received dental screenings. EOCF received funding for 96 children and families and provided services to 159, which includes any enrollment turnover.

#### **Early Head Start offers:**

- Nutritional and developmental assessments
- Social and emotional screening and observations
- ★ Parenting support and education
- ★ Support in completing well-child exams and dental screenings
- ★ Support to families of children with special needs
- ★ Child growth and development education
- ★ Health promotion and assistance accessing services

#### **Prenatal education includes:**

- ★ Nutrition and health promotion
- ★ Typical fetal development and risks of smoking and alcohol
- ★ Labor & delivery expectations
- ★ Postpartum recovery and maternal depression
- ★ Assistance accessing services

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2015-2016 Program Year Enrollment	Funded	Total Children Served
Early Head Start Home-based	60	91
Early Head Start Center-based	36	68
TOTAL	96	159



## HotShots Youth Sports

HotShots Youth Sports provides basketball programs for Clark County youth grades 1-6, under the direction of Shannon LeBlé. HotShots' philosophy promotes children having fun while playing sports. Children also learn the importance of teamwork, instruction, fair play, and sportsmanship. Approximately 250 teams involving 2,000 children competed during the fall, winter, and spring basketball seasons, primarily from the Vancouver and Evergreen School District areas. Scholarships may be granted upon request to ensure that income is not a barrier to participation. Registration information is available at:







www.hotshotsyouthsports.org

### Community Support Enhances EOCF's Programs

Community involvement is vital to the success of children and families. The federal office of Head Start (HS) mandates that all HS grantees obtain inkind annually. Therefore, EOCF is required to secure \$1.6 million worth of donated goods and services annually. Although the communities where EOCF serves are well known for their volunteerism and philanthropy, this goal continues to be challenging.



Parents with enrolled children volunteer in the classroom, organize events, serve on Parent Policy Council, secure donations

and advocate for early learning in our communities and to our legislators.

Community members donate their time and expertise by serving on our Board of Directors, Friends of EOCF and committees. Many help build playgrounds or plan, attend and contribute to fundraisers. EOCF provides internships for college students whose long-term service is an important addition to our classrooms, as are Washington Reading Corps/AmeriCorps members and Foster Grandparents. Community organizations generously give grants and sponsorships. All volunteers and donations are greatly appreciated!

We invite you to join in the rewarding experience of strengthening children and families at EOCF. You can:

- Donate books or classroom/office supplies
- Share your expertise with kids, parents or staff
- Volunteer in the classroom or at the EOCF office
- Invite your family, friends or group for a project
- Facilities: painting, cleaning and yard care
- Provide field trip scholarships
- Secure discounts for supplies or services

#### Can you help? 360-896-9912 or info@eocfwa.org

EOCF is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Donations are tax deductible according to law.

Volunteers and donors positively impact children and families through EOCF.

Kindergarten Readiness

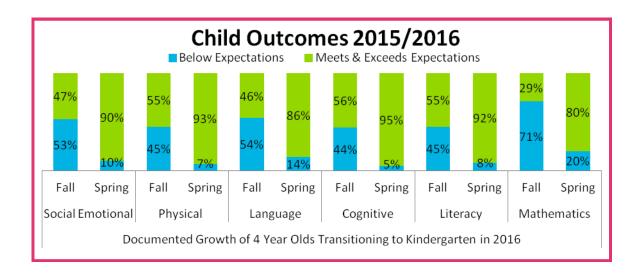
Preparing our students for kindergarten and beyond begins with ensuring that our student goals align with the Head Start Child Development Early Learning Framework, Washington State Early Learning Guidelines, local public and private school programs and in concert with the families we serve. Head Start's definition:

### "children possessing the skills, knowledge and attitudes necessary for success in school and for later learning and life"

It is in this spirit that EOCF plans measurement strategies, tools, timelines and process for implementing results. Data is aggregated using the early childhood assessment tools that include the CLASS Assessment Scoring System, Teaching Strategies GOLD, and the Infant Toddler /Early Childhood Environmental Rating Scales. Analysis informs decisions for children's growth, as well as for staff professional development. Our data is compiled using a variety of pre-determined aggregates such as program wide, Dual Language Learners, by age, by classroom model and by individual student. Data is reviewed by staff and families to inform planning and instructional strategies.

On a larger scale, this data also guides our decisions for continuous classroom and program improvements, professional development, training, and financial and management systems. The graph below represents students' percentage of growth and development within the six domains shown that demonstrate school readiness. Fall 2015 is our baseline and it is compared with spring 2016. The growth of students is well documented.

As a planned approach to networking, EOCF works with the community through the Southwest Washington Early Learning Regional Coalition (SWEL) and Support for Early Learning and Families (SELF) by actively participating in the WAKids Initiative.



### **Our Early Learning Centers**

**EOCF serves children and families in Clark, Cowlitz and Pacific Counties.** Head Start, Early Head Start, and the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Programs serve children in full-day, full-year and part-day, part-year programs. EOCF offers an AM/PM model at most centers, offering Head Start in the morning and ECEAP in the afternoon. EOCF also works with several partner sites/subcontractors within the communities where we serve.

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#### **Head Start**

#### **BATTLE GROUND**

Battle Ground Early Learning Center ° CAMAS ZAC Early Learning Center °

#### PACIFIC COUNTY

Long Beach Early Learning Center

#### VANCOUVER

Clark College Center \* + Crestline Early Learning Center # Ellsworth Early Learning Center \* ° Evergreen Early Learning Center • Fruit Valley Early Learning Center ° Hazel Dell Early Learning Center ° Hearthwood Early Learning Center ° # Home-based Program Lake Shore Early Learning Center Learning Avenues CC Center \* + MacArthur Early Learning Center ° McKenzie Early Learning Center ° Memorial Early Learning Center ° Ninety Ninth Early Learning Center + Orchards Early Learning Center ° # **Prairie View Early Learning Center** Sarah J. Anderson Early Learning Center ° St. Johns Early Learning Center ° Sifton Early Learning Center ° Silver Star Early Learning Center ° Sunset Early Learning Center ° WOODLAND

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\* Partner/Subcontractor Site o AM/PM Model

<sup>+</sup> Full-day, full-year program

\* Blended: co-taught classrooms, partnering with Evergreen Public Schools

#### **Early Head Start**

#### VANCOUVER

Ellsworth Early Learning Center <sup>+</sup> Home-based Program Ninety Ninth Early Learning Center <sup>+</sup> Sandra J. Odren Early Learning Family Center <sup>+</sup>

## Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP)

#### **BATTLE GROUND**

Battle Ground Early Learning Center ° CAMAS ZAC Early Learning Center °

#### VANCOUVER

Ellsworth Early Learning Center \* ° Fruit Valley Early Learning Center ° Hazel Dell Early Learning Center ° Learning Avenues Childcare Center \*+ MacArthur Early Learning Center ° McKenzie Early Learning Center ° Memorial Early Learning Center ° Ninety Ninth Early Learning Center ° Orchards Early Learning Center ° Sandra J. Odren Early Learning Family Center ° Sarah J. Anderson Early Learning Center ° Sifton Early Learning Center ° Silver Star Early Learning Center ° Sunset Early Learning Center ° YWCA - Y's Care Children's Program \* WASHOUGAL Hathaway Early Learning Center

#### WOODLAND

Woodland Early Learning Center °



## **Board of Directors**

The EOCF Board of Directors shares program governance functions with the Parent Policy Council. The board is a continuing volunteer body, made up of community citizens who have an interest in and a commitment to an oversight role and to serving as fiduciary agents. The board's membership represents the business, legal, educational, and social services communities of EOCF's service area. It also has representatives who are parents of children currently or formerly served by EOCF.

#### Thank you to our 2015-2016 Board Members

Ginny Gronwoldt, Chair Meridee Pabst, Vice-Chair Rollin Perrigo, Secretary-Treasurer Jessica Weeks, Parent Policy Council Rep Jan Asai Jason Green Debbie Jennerjohn Michelle Mallory Chipo Sowards Mei Taylor Jane Van Dyke



"Amazing program! The skills that your children will learn are for life. Starting before kindergarten they will be more than ready. If families are struggling, EOCF will help you find the light at the end of your troubles. All I have learned is a gift of change for a better future. Thank you from my family!

- Claudia Franson, parent and Policy Council Member

## **Accountability:** Audit Results

We are good stewards of the funding and donations entrusted to us. For the fiscal year ending October 31, 2016, EOCF is pleased to report that we had a clean and unqualified audit and we are in compliance with all requirements.

EOCF began the fourth year of our Head Start non-competitive five-year grant on November 1, 2016. The federal Office of Head Start conducted routine reviews of the following program areas during the winter of 2016:

- Comprehensive Services and School Readiness
- Leadership, Governance and Management Systems

The federal Office of Head Start reviews all Head Start programs on a regular basis to ensure quality and stewardship.

## **Fiscal Accountability**

#### Fiscal Year Ending October 31, 2016

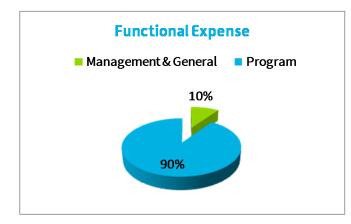
Revenue and Support	Pe	rcentage
Head Start Program	5,521,851	42.3%
Early Head Start Program	1,335,626	10.2%
USDA	427,124	3.3%
Non-Federal - other	347,400	2.6%
Washington ECEAP	3,444,006	26.2%
WA State childcare subsidy	442,754	3.4%
In-kind	1,592,035	12.1%
TOTAL	13,141,797	

Expenditures		Percentage
Personnel	6,807,161	52.2%
Fringe Benefits	2,161,862	16.6%
Travel	118,615	0.9%
Equipment	86,823	0.7%
Supplies/Goods and Services	702,552	5.4%
Contract Services	1,403,400	10.8%
Facility Constructions	5,543	0.0%
Other	154,357	1.2%
In-kind	1,592,035	12.2%
TOTAL	13,033,346	
Fixed Assets	(14,927)	
Depreciation	161,345	
TOTAL with Depreciation	13,179,764	
Change in Net Assets	(37,967)	

Assets	
Net Assets beginning of year	2,325,346
Net Assets end of year	2,287,379
Change in Unrestricted	(37,967)
Net Assets	

Functional Expenses		Percentage
Head Start Grant	4,943,360	43.1%
Early Head Start Grant	1,198,733	10.4%
USDA Food	427,124	3.7%
Childcare Subsidy	373,557	3.3%
Non-Federal other	289,919	2.5%
ECEAP Grant	3,040,600	26.5%
Management & General	1,202,377	10.5%
	11,475,670	
In-kind	884,275	
	12,359,945	

"EOCF is committed to using our limited resources wisely."





- ★ HotShots Youth Sports Program
- ★ State of Washington Departments of:
  - Early Learning
  - Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction
  - Health and Human Services
- ★ US Departments of:
  - Health and Human Services

### **Thank you to our Community Partners**

1202 Properties, LLC (Ron Frederiksen) ABC Homes LLC ABM Building Value AmeriCorps (through Washington Reading Corps) Battle Ground United Methodist Church **Battle Ground Public Schools BIA Remodelers Biggs Insurance Services** Blue Blazes, LLC Boys & Girls Clubs of SW WA / O.K. Club House **Buell Recreation** CBRE, Inc. (Jason Green) **Camas School District** Camas United Methodist Church Catholic Community Services (Foster Grandparents) Chelsea's Books Children's Center Children's Home Society of Washington SW Branch Children's Project, The CIGNA City Bible Church—Vancouver City of Vancouver Clark College Clark County Community Network Clark County Department of Community Services Clark County Department of Public Works **Clark County Food Bank** Clark County Public Health CleanNet of the Northwest **Coastal Community Action** Columbia Credit Union Columbia River Mental Health Services Community Church of God Community Foundation of SW Washington D & E Auto Care Department of Social and Health Services Division of Children and Family Services **EOCF Board of Directors** Educational Service District #112 Employment Security Dept. Evergreen Public Schools #114 Fast Signs FOX12/Les Schwab Tire Centers Toy Drive Folkerts, Merna (in memory of Alan Ham) Foster Grandparents Free Clinic of Southwest Washington, The Friends of EOCF Friends of the Carpenter **Garrett Signs** Green, Jason & Family H.B. Fuller Heathman Lodge, The Hockinson School District Humane Society for Southwest Washington Hurdle-Bradford & Associates iQ Credit Union Innovative Services NW Johnston, Anne, RN - Clark Co. Public Health Kaplan Early Learning Company Keller Williams Realty (Shanon Saylor-Broker) **Kidder Mathews** 

La Center School District Lakeshore Learning (Brian Kenneweg) Landerholm-Linda Frischmeyer, Attorney at Law Learning Avenues Childcare Lile International Manley Architects Memorial Lutheran Church Mill Plain United Methodist Church Miller Nash LLP, Attorneys at Law Murray, Leanna (in memory of Alan Ham) Nike Community Impact Fund Nonprofit Network Southwest Washington Northwest Children's Outreach Northwest Regional Educational Laboratory Nutter Foundation—Dozer Day Ocean Beach School District **Orchards Center Mini Storage** Oregon Pacific Capital Management Corp. Oregon Zoo Pacific Continental Bank Pacific County Health Department PacTrust Columbia Tech Center (Maria Garnant) Partners in Careers (PIC) **Prairie View Apartments Quantum Residential RSV** Building **Ridgefield School District** Salmon Creek United Methodist Church Salvation Army of Clark County Scheer, Melody, RDH-New Day Community Dental SeaMar Dental Clinic SHARE Food Bag Program SW Washington Childcare Consortium Stockton & Associates, PC Support for Early Learning and Families (SELF) **Ultimate Truck Service** Umpqua Bank Unitus Community Credit Union USI - Elizabeth Bowman VanBoxtel, Glenna Vancouver Business Journal Vancouver Church of Christ Vancouver Community Services Vancouver Housing Authority Vancouver Public School District Vancouver Sign Vaughn, Dr. Katherine, Pediatrician-The Vancouver Clinic Vancouver Rotary Foundation Vivis Commercial Cleaning LLD Volunteers from our community WSU Master Gardner Program Washington Dental Service Foundation Washington Reading Corps (AmeriCorps) Washington State University Washougal School District Waste Connections Welter Consulting, LLC Willapa Valley School District Woodland School District YWCA

### **Community Events and Fundraisers**

### Early Learning Champions Awards Luncheon

#### May 10, 2017 • 12pm - 1:30pm • Club Green Meadows

This fun and meaningful annual event is hosted by the *Friends of EOCF* and is generously sponsored by them, EOCF's Board of Directors and other community members each spring.

It is a community-wide celebration of early learning. Seven awards are presented to individuals or organizations in recognition of their outstanding efforts on behalf of young children and their families in our community. A portion of the proceeds are given to Support for Early Learning and Families (SELF) and the balance supports EOCF programs. You are invited to join us by nominating a "champion," becoming an event sponsor, or attending the celebration. *"Celebrating our birth to five connections"* 



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### "Red & White on a Summer's Night"

Each summer our Board of Directors hosts a lovely event as a fundraiser to support EOCF programs. Community supporters generously give their "time and treasure" through sponsorships, donations and event participation. The proceeds from 2016 helped equip our 62 classrooms with Sensory Kits to support every child's learning. Please invite a friend and join us! Reserve your

space at: www.eocfwa.org or registration@eocfwa.org or 360.896.9912.

#### Thursday, August 17, 2017, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Bethany Vineyard & Winery • 4115 NE 259th Street, Ridgefield, WA 98642

#### We have the BEST volunteers and donors!

You help us empower children and families every day. Thank you!



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