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Dear EOCF Community,

November 2020

This year has been trying for so many. This is a great time to reflect on what we've accomplished and the journey we've taken to get to where we are today. I'd like to start by telling you how grateful I am for your support.

We are currently at an extraordinary moment in our history. Amid grappling with a global pandemic, social upheaval that has challenged all of us to think and act differently, we are now experiencing an election season that has presented an unimaginable level of divisiveness. Regardless of the outcome, EOCF will continue to be the resilient, inclusive agency that we have always been.

With the onset of COVID we have seen a significant disruption in the daily lives of children, which poses risks to their health, well-being, and development. Sixty-six percent of our children and families identify as communities of color, which have been hit the hardest by the pandemic. EOCF continues to advance our mission through providing in-person or distance learning educational services, family support services, health, mental health and nutrition services to children and families during the COVID pandemic. Our families have experienced financial hardship in the form of job loss, reduced work hours, housing and/or food insecurity, and increased health and mental health related concerns. Since March of 2020, EOCF has invested over \$1.8 million in our community, providing much needed services to children and families in need.

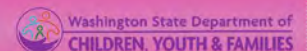
As we approach 2021 and my third anniversary here at EOCF I am excited to see the potential and the growth of our agency. We would not be where we are without your support. On behalf of our children and families, thank you!

Sincerely,

Rekah Strong, MSW
Chief Executive Officer



Vision: Leading a legacy of change



Celebrating EOCF's Success!

Meet BC, This charming guy is part of the Crestline Elementary blended classroom, and brings so much joy to the children, families, and staff. BC is one of the many children in our program that has a disability, but that does not slow him down. He always comes to class with positive energy and a contagious smile.

EOCF and the staff at Evergreen Public School's Crestline Elementary collaborated to obtain a permanent walker to assist him at home and school, a communication device from the Developmental Disabilities Administration, and a tricycle for use at home. Every time staff show up with a translator BC's mother is very appreciative, and BC has an ear to ear smile. Crestline's Early Childhood Education teacher said, "I am very grateful that we have an amazing team at Crestline. This shows how when we work together, WE can make a difference in our students lives, both in the classroom and in their home environments! Best part is that this little guy will be in our class for the 2020-2021 school year!"

Special thanks to the Crestline Elementary teaching team for sharing



parent university : noun—a cohort of program parents starting a career in early childhood education.

success story : noun—someone that has achieved a goal

Alicia is a graduate of EOCF's first Parent University cohort. Inspired by Albina's Head Start, Parent University was developed to give program parents and employees a strong foundation for employment eligibility and success with the agency. The program ran 14 weeks and included a Career Academy through Partners In Careers, a Clark College Early Childhood Education class, and a job shadow experience.

Alicia first became interested in Parent University when she learned what it could mean for her. She has always imagined herself working with children but did not know how she could accomplish this dream. Parent University was more than just an opportunity for Alicia to start her education in early childhood education, it was an opportunity to work for EOCF in the classroom. Alicia now works at our Starcrest Early Learning Center as a Teacher Assistant where she is fulfilling her dream of teaching children. "It was inspiring being a part of a group of parents that had children in school at EOCF, a passion for learning and the same goals of being able to teach and mentor the children furthest from opportunity at EOCF." Congratulations Alicia!



Mission: To connect, empower, and transform the lives of children and families

EOCF's Commitment to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

At Educational Opportunities for Children and Families we believe that every child deserves the opportunity to reach their full potential. We understand that due to historical structural racism, children of color face significant barriers to success in school and in life. We recognize that while all children benefit from an early learning foundation, based upon longitudinal research, high-quality preschool programs improve school readiness, particularly for children of color and children who are non-native English speakers. Consistent with our Strategic Plan, we strive to reduce parity gaps between families, employees, and volunteers through best diversity, equity and inclusion practices.

Our Priorities

- Application of an Equity Lens
- Utilization of our Parent Policy Council to drive equity
- Recruit and retain staff that reflect the families we serve, and train on our values reflecting a diverse and inclusive culture
- Provide additional support systems for children whom English is their second language
- Advocate for change at the policy-making level



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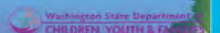
Программа Домашнего Обучения



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Values: Honesty, Inclusion, Relationships, Safety, Commitment



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Donor Impact

#GivingSeason is right around the corner and our children and families need your help now more than ever. Please help us fill the gap! Did you know? For every dollar invested in high-quality early learning today, long-term savings range from \$2.50 to as much as \$17 in the years ahead on the prevention of special education, grade repetition, early parenthood, and incarceration.

EOCF remains steadfast and determined to provide high quality early learning and life-changing family services to children and families who need it most.

EOCF is so grateful to our supporters for all that you are doing. It is truly humbling to see so many people help EOCF continue our mission to connect, empower, and transform the lives of children and families. Thank you for being part of our community. Without you, none of it is possible.

Thank You!

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