



Spotlight on Early Learning and Early Intervention

The Early Learning and Early Intervention programs offered to districts through the NCESD are focused on supporting the educational needs of young children and families throughout North Central Washington.

The Early Learning team works to promote learning readiness in children between the ages of preschool and third grade. Working in concert with OSPI, community-based organizations, early learning partners, and local districts, the NCESD creates a powerful, collaborative and coherent regional delivery system for providing professional development and support to early learning programs within school districts.

The Early Learning department supports the delivery and expansion of state-level early learning initiatives, especially in hard-to-serve and regionally under-resourced communities. Early Learning works to ensure equitable access to quality early learning opportunities based in developmentally appropriate and culturally-responsive practices so that all children are ready for school and for life.

Services offered by the Early Learning Department include:

- Professional Development for Math, Literacy, Early Brain Development, STEM, Social/Emotional Learning, Inclusion, and More
- Public Awareness and Outreach
- State and Local Coordination
- WaKIDS
- Transitional Kindergarten Program Evaluation and Technical Assistance



The Early Intervention program offered through the NCESD is focused on families of children ages birth through three with developmental delays. All services are provided in the home environment or where the child is cared for during the day, are family-centered, and provided through a parent coaching model.

The NCESD Early Intervention program has expanded in the last two years and several NCESD Early Intervention therapists are part of the team serving school district special education programs in the region. We have multiple partnerships with physicians, dieticians, Early Head Start, Migrant Head Start, child care providers and public health district programs to provide comprehensive multi-faceted services and resources to our families.

Services offered through the NCESD Early Intervention Program include but are not limited to:

1. Service Coordination
2. Evaluation and Assessment
3. Speech Therapy
4. Special Instruction
5. Occupational Therapy
6. Physical therapy
7. Hearing and Vision Services
8. Transition services to the child's local school district or a private therapy provider at age three

Washington World Fellows program

Applications are now open for Lt. Governor Cyrus Habib's Washington World Fellows program -- a global leadership and college-readiness fellowship aimed at fostering the next generation of leaders in Washington State.

The program is designed to provide deserving 10th grade students the opportunity to broaden their horizons through meaningful academic and cultural experiences as well as interaction with local, national, and international governments. The goal of the program is to empower fellows to overcome barriers to college, as well as to develop the skills to become thoughtful future leaders.

Fellows will participate in a six-week study abroad in León, Spain, where they will earn 5 college credits and live in an immersive environment with local homestay families. Following the trip, students will participate in two years of rigorous college preparation programming. The entire program is offered at no cost to students or their families.

To be eligible for the program, students must be in Spanish I or have equivalent conversational proficiency levels and be nominated by their teachers or counselors. Applications are now open and close on January 13th 2020 -- so submit your nominations soon!

To learn more about the program, visit waworldfellows.org/program-details



Classified Employee of the Year Nominations Now Open

Nominations for the annual Classified School Employee of the Year award are now being accepted. The deadline is January 24, 2019.



School districts throughout the NCESD's four-county service district are encouraged to nominate outstanding classified school employees for this distinguished award.

A committee will review all nomination submissions and select a winner who will represent the NCESD service district in the statewide selection process. Martha Wisdom was honored as the 2019 winner. Wisdom serves as the Migrant Records Secretary for the Tonasket School District.

Nominations can be made on the OSPI website at <https://www.surveygizmo.com/s3/5262829/2020-Classified-School-Employee-of-the-Year-Nomination?fbclid=IwAR3l149x1yTzhzFlGgGcX7la7zcdNlODg961rqu3Z9gjc0q-F9E7dtZkyNI>

ADA Compliance Workshop: Creating Accessible Documents

There has been heightened focus on making ADA compliant documents available through public channels such as websites. Join us on February 10-11 for this (3-hour session each day) training on ADA Compliance and creating accessible documents to learn more.

Topics Include:

- ADA Compliance Law. Brief introduction to accessibility, universally-accessible concepts
- Risks of not complying, do's and don'ts, examples of correct ADA compliance
- How to create accessible documents
- Applying concepts to MS Word/Google Docs/PowerPoint
- Checking accessibility in MS Word/Google Docs/PowerPoint
- Using the Action Wizard
- Checking PDFs for accessibility
- Remediating common issues

This training will be held at the NCESD office, or made available by Zoom.

Registration and more at <https://www.pdenroller.org/esd171/Catalog/Event/100855>

