



SELF Newsletter

October 2014

What's the latest with Our Children Can't Wait movement?

Clark County's Early Learning Plan has been created and we want you to see it first! Following the March conference, creation of the plan has been a work in progress as it has been created, refined and vetted by community members. This process, while it takes a bit more time, is important so that the community is the "owner" of the work. The areas of work adopted by the community include Resources, Connections and Accessibility; Healthy Start; Early Learning Opportunities; School Success; and an overarching goal, Advancing Equity. The plan is focused on birth to five years old and the work also spans the life of a child as it moves through these wonder years. In future communication, these goals will be described in greater detail. To get an overview of Clark County's Early Learning Plan click [here](#). Another document that is very helpful is the Vision for the Future document which is a strategic plan for the Our Children Can't Wait movement (OCCW).

Calendar-Events-Happenings

October OCCW Work Group Meetings
OCCW Steering Committee
Marketing-Communications Work Group
Healthy Start Work Group
Advancing Equity Pilot Project Work Group
School Success Work Group

These groups meet monthly to vet information, set the course for future direction and adapt & integrate the Clark County Early Learning Plan into partner organizations, businesses and early learning programs.

Early Learning Meetings

Southwest Washington Early Learning (SWEL) Regional Coalition

First Annual Home Visitors Conference:

November 14th, 2014 in Longview, WA
from 11:30am-4:30pm

SELF Partner Meeting

November 19th, 2014 from 3-5pm at the YWCA Community Room

For the fun of it

Halloween -- Friday, October 31

Early Learning Information

Senator Ann Rivers and Senator Annette Cleveland were honored at SELF's

September Partner Meeting with Crayon Awards from the Early Learning Action Alliance. Check out the article in the Columbian!

A short early learning video called Little Monsters

Early Learning Tools

A note from our friends at the VHA Early Childhood Development Program:

Child Advocacy

Being an advocate means knowing how to ensure that your child gets the help he or she needs to be successful. For children who experience learning difficulties, it's never too early to start looking for ways to help them succeed in learning. Even before formal schooling starts, there are things you can do to make sure your child gets help early, so that learning can be a fun and productive experience. This is a wonderful website/resource for all ages, and includes links to early learning information and activities as well! Check it out!