



November Newsletter



HELP SELF ADVOCATE FOR OUR YOUNGEST CITIZENS

The early education community in Southwest Washington has known for years just how crucial quality early learning is to our economy, to the health and futures of our children, and to parents who often must choose between caring for their children and putting food on the table and a roof over their heads.

The coronavirus pandemic has brought all those issues to the fore, and policy makers, researchers, and employers are beginning to take note.



SINGING THE PRAISES OF OUR UNSUNG HEROES

It's a bird, it's a plane, no it's ... our early learning colleagues and parents.

As this challenging year draws to a close, we want to take the time to highlight our

everyday heroes, child care, preschool and family support staff, who get up each morning and face these uncertain times with a smile on their face, a spring in their step and a heart to help children.

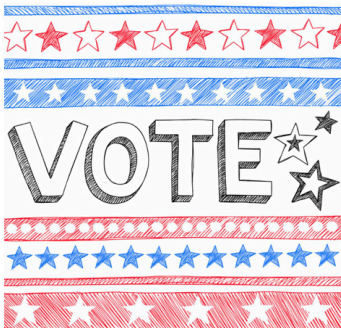
SELF is asking you to partner with us this holiday season to raise funds and awareness for the youngest members of our community. **Will you join us?**

FOR MORE INFO.

Stay healthy and safe

Debbie Ham
Executive Director

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VOTERS GET IT

So are voters. In the November 3 election, voters in one state, two cities and a county (Multnomah, just across the Columbia River) voted to fund early education initiatives.

- Colorado is now on track for universal pre-k for all of the state's 4-year-olds, funded by a tax on tobacco products.
- San Antonio voters chose to continue funding a city-run pre-k program with an existing sales tax.
- In St. Louis, voters said "yes" to raising the property tax rate by \$0.06 to improve services in early childhood learning.
- Multnomah County, Oregon, will fund 7,000 free pre-k seats with an income tax on the top 10 percent of earners.

For more details, [click here](#).

