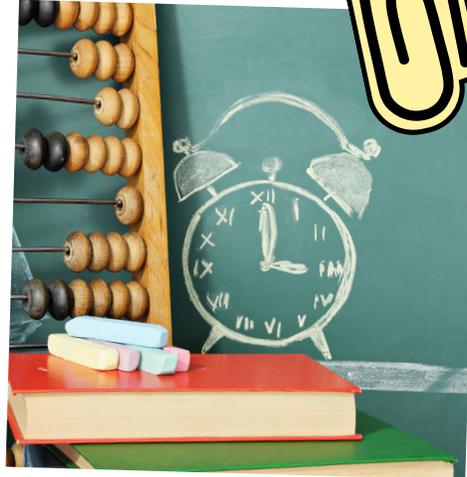


Mason County Early Learning Coalition

September 2025

Welcome Back!

We hope your summer was filled with joy—whether that meant slow, peaceful mornings without alarms, cherished time with family, or simply a chance to make new memories amidst work or school. As we transition into the rhythm of fall, we're excited to share that our coalition has undergone some meaningful changes. We'd love for you to join us at our September monthly meeting to catch up and hear all about what's ahead!



Next meeting is on a new date and time! **September 11th** from **2:30-4:00!** Online only. See details below for more info! We look forward to seeing you there!

New Meeting Time and Date

- Join us on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 2:30-4:00 online until December!
- [Link is here!](#)
 - Meeting ID: 254 212 736 206 1
 - Passcode: qH99mH3J
- If you would like to be added to the calendar invite please email us at elcmasoncounty@gmail.com
- We will be online only through December!





Elizabeth C-
At Large Member



Danielle R
Treasurer



Erin M
Co-Chair



Ashley A
Co-Chair

Meet the Team!

At our June Meeting we elected new officers to the Executive Team. Erin Mountin from DCYF and Ashley Auseth from Mason General were voted in as Co-Chairs. This structure will help eliminate stress for one chair person to be responsible and will give the ability for Erin, the past chair to mentor Ashley in her first year. We will continue this structure to strengthen the continuity of the coalition and are looking forward to their leadership!

Danielle Russell is from Child Care Action Council and is new to the Executive Team also and was voted in as Treasurer! She will keep our dollars in line and help apply for new grant funding for coalition activities!

Elizabeth Custis from Mason Public Health will serve in our At-Large position. This is her second year in this role and we are excited to have her continue her support of this work! Please make sure to thank ALL of these ladies. These roles are VOLUNTEER and underappreciated!

We are still in need of a Secretary so if you are interested please let us know!

EXECUTIVE TEAM CONTACT INFO

Co-Chair: Erin Mountin - erin.mountin@dcyf.wa.gov

Co-Chair: Ashley Auseth- Aauseth@masongeneral.com

Treasurer: Danielle Russell - Danielle.Russell@ccacwa.org

At Large Member: Elizabeth Custis- ElizaC@masoncountywa.gov

Lead: April Messenger- elcmasoncounty@gmail.com



Read more at

[Visions for Early Learning/MasonCounty](https://www.masoncountywa.gov/visions-for-early-learning)

What to watch for in the IEP process

Wednesday, September 10

7:00 to 8:30 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96093292277?>

[pwd=SzM0bWR4OGlmMVFrZDZxNjEvdMDRNdz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/96093292277?pwd=SzM0bWR4OGlmMVFrZDZxNjEvdMDRNdz09)

Passcode: TheArc!

Navigating IDD is a monthly webinar series for parents and caregivers of loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

This month (September 10): What to Ask, What to Watch For During IEP Meetings and Evaluations, with Heather Kolbly, esq.

Up next month (October 8): Encouraging Imaginative Play in Young Children, with Steph Olson, Special Education Preschool Teacher.

No RVSP required.

Contact JKim@arcofkingcounty.org with questions, or to request accommodations/language interpretation.

What to Ask For, What to Watch For During IEP Meetings and Evaluations with Heather Kolbly, Attorney

**September 10th, 2025
7-8:30 pm via Zoom
Click [here](#) to join.
(Passcode: TheArc!)**

No RVSP required. Contact JKim@arcofkingcounty.org with questions, or to request accommodations/ language interpretation.



🌐 Explore what it means to be a parent as part of the #Latine community in this free virtual conversation series beginning September 8.

We discuss raising Latine children while navigating U.S. mainstream cultures and connecting Latine cultural identities to physical and mental well-being.

4 Mondays. All are welcome! With live Spanish translation.

Register: tinyurl.com/SomosFamiliasFuentes



The Bear Gulch Wildfire has been burning in Mason County for about 2 months and burnt about 9,000 acres in our Olympic National Forest and has displaced families in Hoodspport. It's important to know how to find information about emergencies and what to do in case of one. In the case of Wildfires, here are some tips to share.

Wildfires burn in natural areas like forests, grasslands and prairies. They spread quickly, encroach on residential areas and devastate communities. Washington has seen a significant increase in wildfire over the past 5 years. It is important that you are prepared for such an incident.

Register Today

Mason County Residents Can Now Sign Up For Our E-Notification System



<https://www.masoncountywa.gov/enotify/>

Make an Emergency Plan

- Make copies of important documents (Insurance Policies, Birth Certificates, Child and Pet Vaccination records). Store them in a fireproof container that is easy to carry and quick to find.

Prepare your home

- Locate outside water sources, ensure a hose is nearby. Remove loose leaves, debris, or any flammable materials from the perimeter of your home. Attempt to keep a 30-foot perimeter free of debris around your home.
- Identify a room that can be sealed from inside. Have a portable air cleaner in that room. Be prepared to seal all doors and windows if smoke pollution levels rise to a toxic level outside.
- Know evacuation zones and routes, practice them as a family/household.
- Don't forget the pets.

Supplies

- First Aid Kit, "Go Bag", N95 mask, cell phone charger.

During a wildfire

- Listen to emergency alerts and notifications for information and instructions.
- Evacuate immediately if authorities tell you to do so.

IF TRAPPED, CALL 9-1-1, give your location. Turn on lights to help rescuers find you.

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Mental Health Support in Shelton School District

Shelton School district has partnered with Daybreak Health, a school-based mental health company, to offer 1:1 teletherapy services to our students and their families, with qualified clinicians. These services will be provided at no cost to families.

If a student is struggling with anxiety, depression, trauma, relationship challenges, stress, or other mental health related issues, they can get referred to this program, have an intake appointment, and get matched with a therapist based on their individual needs within 1-2 weeks. The student will meet with their therapist once/week for 50-minutes over ~12 weeks. All sessions are hosted over Zoom and can take place before or after school hours, during the week or even on Saturdays.

During the program, the student's therapist will help them understand their emotions and learn new skills and strategies to manage their symptoms that they can use in class, at home, and throughout their life.

Students ages 5-9 will participate in a Family Teletherapy program that includes at least one parent or guardian. Older students will participate in a 1:1 Teletherapy program.

If your child could benefit from virtual mental health support click [here](#) to make a referral, or reach out to your school counselor, social worker, or building administrators for more information.



Mental Health Matters

We offer mental health support for our students, at no cost to families.

TELETHERAPY SERVICES

All of our students now have access to virtual therapy with qualified clinicians, at no cost to families.

To learn more about teletherapy for your child, scan this QR code to access the interest form.



La Salud Mental Importa

Ofrecemos apoyo en salud mental para nuestros estudiantes, sin costo para las familias.

SERVICIOS DE TELETERAPIA

Todos nuestros estudiantes ahora tienen acceso a terapia virtual con profesionales calificados, sin costo para las familias.

Para obtener más información sobre la teleterapia para su hijo, escanee este código QR para acceder al formulario de interés.



The Student & Family Resource Center has moved!

The Student & Family Resource Center is open and now located at Choice School. Are you in need of something? We can probably help! Our resource center has a clothing bank with clothing for all ages. All of the clothing is either new or laundered before entering the bank. A household item bank may also have what you need: bedding, small kitchen appliances, and more! The newest addition to the SFRC is the food bank and hygiene bank. If you are looking for a community connection, the SFRC can help you connect with the right resource. Don't hesitate to contact your school's family liaison to schedule a visit to the SFRC!

Bordeaux Elementary | Wendy Lankelis | (360) 426-3253 ext. 11002 | Cell (360) 545-7310 WLankelis@sheltonschools.org
Evergreen Elementary | Lucrecia Hernandez | (360) 426-8281 ext. 12129 | Cell (360) 463-4393 LHernandez@sheltonschools.org
Mt. View Elementary | Ivette Salamanca | (360) 426-8564 ext. 13102 | Cell (360) 545-7136 ISalamanca@sheltonschools.org
Olympic Middle School | Cleyri Zacarias | (360) 462-6671 ext. 14105 | Cell (360) 280-3539 CZacarias@sheltonschools.org
Oakland Bay Jr. High | Isabel Castaneda | (360) 426-7991 ext. 15008 | Cell (360) 545-2189 icastaneda@sheltonschools.org
Shelton High School | Veronica Lawrence | (360) 426-4471 ext. 16169 | Cell (360) 968-9553 Vlawrence@sheltonschools.org
Choice High School/Cedar High School | Cat Kelly | 360-426-1687 ext. 10016 CKelly@sheltonschools.org

Please note that the Student & Family Resource Center is currently fully stocked and will no longer be accepting clothing donations at this time. Thank you to everyone who has contributed!

If you or someone you know is in need of emergency clothing, please don't hesitate to reach out to your building family liaison for assistance. We're here to help!



DCYF EARLY CHILDHOOD COMPLEX NEEDS TRAININGS FREE ONLINE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN-SERVICE (STARS) HOURS ARE OFFERED FOR ALL TRAININGS!

DCYF is offering trainings to support childcare providers who support infants, toddlers, and preschoolers with complex needs. Trainings will be facilitated by the UW Haring Center. The “Back to School” Series training topics include: Designing Classroom Routines, Transitions, and Schedules; Creating Supportive Learning Environments; Classroom Management; Teaming & Collaboration; Inclusive Large Groups; and Supporting Multilingual Learners. Target Audience: Early Childhood Providers (Birth–5 years) Training Languages: All trainings are offered in English, Spanish, and Somali.

Training Dates Note: Each training has an afternoon and evening option

These dates are for trainings in English; contact Phoebe for Spanish and Somali dates.

Classroom Structures and Supports: Designing classroom routines, transitions, and schedules in Early Childhood Programs: Thursday, August 21st (1–2:30pm PDT) Tuesday, September 2nd (6–7:30pm PDT)

Creating Supportive Learning Environments in Early Childhood Programs: Thursday, August 28th (1–2:30pm PDT) Tuesday, September 9th (6–7:30pm PDT)

Classroom Management in Early Childhood Programs: Thursday, September 4th (1–2:30pm PDT) Tuesday, September 16th (6–7:30pm PDT)

Strengthening Collaboration Among Early Learning Teams: Thursday, September 11th (1–2:30pm PDT) Tuesday, September 23rd (6–7:30pm PDT)

Inclusive Large Groups in Early Childhood Programs: Thursday, September 18th (1–2:30pm PDT) Tuesday, September 30th (6–7:30pm PDT)

Supporting Multilingual Learners in Early Childhood Programs: Thursday, September 25th (1–2:30pm PDT) Tuesday, October 7th (6–7:30pm PDT)

Register here: <https://forms.gle/utzZY8iGj4pC1FkE9>





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KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



WITH POLICE & FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES IN WA

In 2019, the Washington State Legislature passed the Keep Washington Working Act (KWW) to protect the rights of immigrant communities from unnecessary contact with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and Customs and Border Protection (CBP). The law, RCW 10.93.160, requires that police and jails change their practices and policies to ensure the privacy of all Washingtonians.

The Keep Washington Working Act prohibits local police, WA State Patrol, sheriffs, jails, Department of Corrections (DOC), and school resource officers from:

- Stopping or detaining someone to determine immigration status.
- Asking about place of birth, immigration status, or nationality. A limited exception allows local sheriffs and police to ask for this information only if it is connected to an investigation regarding a violation of state or local laws.
- Holding someone on ICE or CBP civil immigration detainers or ICE administrative warrants signed by ICE agents, not a judge.
- Giving ICE or CBP access to someone for interviews in jail to determine if they are here in violation of immigration laws. The detained person can choose to speak with immigration enforcement as long as they provide written consent. ICE or CBP can also speak with a detained person even without their consent if they are investigating a federal crime. If the detained person chooses to talk with immigration enforcement, which is generally not recommended, any information provided to immigration enforcement can be used against them in deportation proceedings. You always have the right to remain silent even if you are part of a federal crime investigation.

- Denying you services or benefits you are eligible to receive while in jail, even if ICE has filed documents with the jail indicating they think you are here in violation of immigration laws, such as a “detainer,” “notification request,” or “immigration warrant.”
- Contracting with ICE and CBP to allow local sheriffs or police officers to enforce immigration law.
- Using local jails to detain and hold immigrants for ICE or CBP through contracts between jails and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS).
- Using ICE and CBP as interpreters, translators, or for language classes.
- Giving ICE or CBP your personal information, like a home address.*
- Notifying ICE or CBP when you will be released from custody.*

*The Washington State Department of Corrections (DOC) is excused from these prohibitions and is allowed to do this. DOC is the WA prison system where people convicted of a crime and sentenced to more than 1 year serve their jail time. Probation officers are part of DOC but are NOT excused and ARE PROHIBITED from doing this.

WA State Agencies like the Department of Licensing:

- Cannot share your personal information (for example your home address) with ICE or CBP unless required by federal law.
- MUST provide services regardless of immigration status unless otherwise required by law.

If you believe your rights as listed above have been violated, call or text the WAISN Deportation Defense Hotline

1-844-724-3737

Monday to Friday from 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.

THIS INFORMATION IS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND DOES NOT CONSTITUTE LEGAL ADVICE.

CONOZCA SUS DERECHOS

CON LA POLICÍA Y LAS AUTORIDADES FEDERALES DE INMIGRACIÓN EN WA



En el 2019, la Legislatura del Estado de Washington aprobó la Ley “Keep Washington Working” (KWW) para proteger los derechos de los inmigrantes de contactos innecesarios con ICE (Inmigración y Control de Aduanas) y CBP (Aduanas y Patrulla Fronteriza). La ley, codificada en RCW 10.93.160, exige que la policía y las cárceles cambien sus reglas, normas y procedimientos para asegurar la privacidad de todos los habitantes de Washington.

La ley Keep Washington Working prohíbe a la policía local, la Patrulla Estatal de WA, los Sheriffs, las cárceles, el Departamento de Correccionales (DOC) y a la policía en nuestras escuelas de

- Pararle o detenerle para determinar su estatus migratorio.
- Preguntarle o recopilar información sobre su lugar de nacimiento, estatus migratorio, o nacionalidad. Una excepción limitada permite que los Sheriffs y la policía le pidan esta información solo cuando esté relacionada con una investigación relacionada con una violación de una ley estatal o local.
- Mantener en detención y/o retención de ICE o CBP utilizando órdenes administrativas de ICE que están firmadas por agentes de ICE y no por un juez.
- Darle acceso a ICE o CBP para entrevistarle en la cárcel para determinar si está aquí en violación de las leyes de inmigración a menos que le dé a la cárcel su permiso por escrito de que desea hablar con ICE o CBP. Si ICE/CBP está investigando un delito federal con el que creen que está relacionado, pueden entrevistarlo incluso si no da su permiso. Si elige hablar con ICE/CBP, lo que generalmente no se recomienda, cualquier información que les dé puede usarse en su contra si lo ponen en un proceso de deportación. Siempre tiene derecho a permanecer en silencio si quieren hablar con usted sobre un delito.
- Negarle servicios o beneficios para los que es elegible mientras está en la cárcel, incluso si ICE ha presentado documentos en la cárcel que indican que cree que está aquí en violación de las leyes de inmigración, como una orden de detención de ICE, una notificación de la corte de inmigración o una orden de inmigración.
- Contratar con ICE y CBP para permitir que los sheriffs locales o los oficiales de policía hagan cumplir la ley de inmigración.
- Detener inmigrantes para ICE/CBP en cárceles locales a través de contratos entre cárceles y el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional (DHS por sus siglas en inglés)
- Usar ICE y CBP como intérpretes, traductores o para clases de español y/o otros idiomas.
- Darle a ICE o CBP su información personal (por ejemplo, una dirección de casa).*
- Notificar a ICE o CBP de cuándo saldrá de custodia.*

* El Departamento Correccional del Estado de WA (DOC) está exento de esta prohibición y puede hacerlo. DOC es el sistema penitenciario de WA donde las personas condenadas por un delito y sentenciadas a más de 1 año cumplen su condena en la cárcel. Los oficiales de libertad condicional son parte del DOC pero NO están excusados y TIENEN PROHIBIDO hacer esto.

Agencias estatales de WA como el Departamento de Licencias:

- No pueden compartir su información personal (por ejemplo, una dirección de casa) con ICE o CBP a menos que lo exija la ley federal.
- DEBEN proporcionarle servicios independientemente de su estatus migratorio, a menos que la ley exija lo contrario.

Si cree que sus derechos mencionados han sido violados llame o mande un mensaje de texto a la Línea Defensa Contra la Deportación de WAISN

1-844-724-3737

de lunes a viernes de 6 A.M. a 6 P.M.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

FAMILY FRIENDLY

- 🍎 Children/Adult (appropriate) Costume Contest @ 5:30
- 🍎 Bingo @ 6pm
- 🍎 Face Painting
- 🍎 Art Projects
- 🍎 Snacks and Drinks

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