



Mission: The Grays Harbor Early Learning Coalition promotes early learning as a community priority to ensure success in school, work and life.

what we do...

- Develop long-term early learning strategies, annual budgets, and work plans.
- Host and support community training and events.
- Coordinate grant proposals.
- Provide forums for information sharing, partnership, and collaboration.

Membership is free! Become a member to:

- Network.
- Stay informed.
- Get invited to local events.
- Spread awareness of your programs.
- Give or seek grant letters of support or contributions.
- Be part of a community of early childhood professionals.

MEET OUR MEMBERS

- Aberdeen School District Preschool Program
- ARC of Grays Harbor
- Behavioral Health Resources (BHR)
- Bezos Academy
- Catholic Community Services
- Child Care Action Council
- CHOICE
- CPWI Coalition - ESD 113
- Dads Move
- DCYF Dept. of Licensing
- DCYF Child Welfare Early Learning Liaison
- DCYF ECEAP (Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program)
- Elma School District
- Grays Harbor Community Foundation
- Grays Harbor College
- Grays Harbor County Public Health
- Greater Grays Harbor, Inc.
- Hoquiam School District
- Lake Quinalt School District - Preschool Program
- Learning to Grow Child Care
- Molina Healthcare
- Montesano School District
- North Beach School District
- Oakville School District
- Save the Children
- South Sound Parent to Parent
- Timberland Regional Library
- Tracy's Tikes Day Care & Preschool
- Washington Elementary Headstart - ESD 113
- Washington Elks Therapy Program for Children
- YMCA of Grays Harbor

Grays Harbor Early Learning Coalition Vision:

All children in Grays Harbor have quality early childhood experiences that promote health and safety, early literacy and parent support and education.

PROVIDER SPOTLIGHT: PLAY AND LEARN CHILDCARE

My name is Autumn Causey, and I own **Play and Learn Childcare** in Cosmopolis. Since 2018, my husband Chris and I have had the privilege of caring for children in our community, creating a safe and nurturing space for them to grow. We are licensed for up to 12 children, ages birth through 12 years.

I chose to open a licensed family home childcare so I could be home with my own children. At the time, I was raising my little sister, caring for our young daughter, and preparing to welcome our oldest son. I knew I wanted to contribute financially while still being present to raise my family. An internship with the Imagine Institute came at just the right time and set everything in motion. By June 2018, I had completed the requirements, earned my license, and officially opened enrollment.

My favorite part of being a childcare provider is watching children learn, play, and reach new milestones. Over the years, I've cared for the children of friends and family while also welcoming new families who quickly become just like our own. It's incredibly rewarding.

Since 2017, I have pursued my education with dedication, earning an Associate of Arts, a Bachelor of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education, and a Master of Arts in Behavioral Health. I'm committed to blending professional knowledge with genuine care, and together Chris and I put our hearts into every detail making Play and Learn Childcare more than just a business; it's our family mission.

When it comes to favorite songs and stories, I let the kids decide, their moods always set the tone for the day. Right now, the biggest hits are Baby Shark and Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?



SOUTH SOUND PARENT TO PARENT

"If I'm concerned about my child's development,
who should I call?"



Research shows that most learning happens in the first 3 years. If you think your child, age birth - three, should be crawling, walking or talking and isn't, please contact South Sound Parent to Parent and schedule a FREE evaluation to see if your child qualifies for early support services. **NO Physician referral required**

For more information or to schedule an evaluation, please contact us at: **360.352.1126 / www.ssp2p.org**

*Proudly serving families in Grays Harbor,
S. Mason & Thurston Counties.*



GHEL COLORING PAGE

Coloring pages and crayons are available while supplies last. Connect with us to promote early learning and helpful resources!

- Great for waiting room areas and front lobbies.

ORDER NOW



LANTERN (PREVIOUSLY BRIGHT BY TEXT)



Because kids
don't come with
instructions.

We know parenting can be
overwhelming. We're here to
help, one text message at a time.



SUBMIT NOW



Lantern is a free texting service where Grays Harbor families get reminders and information about free or low cost events and resources around the county. They get short texts about things like library events, play groups, health fairs, etc.

If you'd like to promote your free or low cost event to local families, you can fill out our google form. In order to guarantee that your event or resource is promoted, please submit at least 2 weeks prior to when you would like the message sent out.

ELEVATE EAST COUNTY

RAISING CYBER SAVVY KIDS



SAFETY TIPS FOR PHONES, GAMING & SOCIAL MEDIA



When: Saturday, October 18th During the Jamboree on the Air

Where: 1:00-2:00 pm @ the Sharon Grange and on Zoom. Register at <https://www.centerforonlinesafety.com/joti>

Who: Parents of Children aged 5-11 years old

REGISTER NOW



Join Lisa Honold, founder of the Center for Online Safety, for a 30-minute parent session that will give you practical ways to guide your child's digital world.



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low-cost Apple Health coverage.

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SAVE THE CHILDREN

To enroll in the Early Steps to School Success Program or
to find out more information about this exciting new
program in your community:

[LEARN MORE](#)



EARLY STEPS TO SCHOOL SUCCESS PROGRAM

- PREGNANCY, BIRTH TO 3 YEAR OLDS
- 2 HOME VISITS PROVIDING:
 - EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES
 - DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING
 - BOOK BAG EXCHANGE
- MONTHLY PARENT-CHILD GROUPS
- RESOURCE SUPPORT
- FREE FOR FAMILIES



SIGN UP TODAY!
IN PERSON, EMAIL,
OR SCAN QR CODE



QUESTIONS? CONTACT -
JENNIFER BUCK
360-289-2147
JBUCK@NORTHBEACHSCHOOLS.ORG
FB @NORTH BEACH EARLY STEPS



CONNECT, PLAY, LEARN:

RESOURCE CENTER & PLAY GROUP

1st Tuesday of each month

Free Play from 1:30–3:00pm

**@ The Health Department
2109 Sumner Ave in Aberdeen**



FLYER/ENGLISH



FLYER/SPANISH



**A chance for families to find
resources, ask questions, and
enjoy play with peers.**

***FOR ALL KIDDOS BIRTH TO KINDERGARTEN**



**Have Questions?
Contact AHood@graysharbor.us**

What is PAT?

Personal Visits:

Your assigned Parent Educator can come to where you are to address your parenting concerns and talk through your challenges.

Group Connections:

Monthly get together with other families with small children. A time to learn, connect with other parents, and have fun.

Developmental Screenings:

We'll check in during Personal Visits to ensure that possible issues related to health, development, or learning are detected and addressed early.

Resource Network:

We'll help you find and use community resources to help your family reach your goals.

Is it for me?

Parents as Teachers is a helpful resource for those who are:

- expecting a child
- guardians of children ages 0-3
- need support getting their child ready for school

Grays Harbor Parents as Teachers is a free program that matches parents with a trained Parent Educator (PE). They are there to support you, and help you set and reach goals for yourself and your child.

Your PE is a friendly and experienced person who can help you find answers to your questions about pregnancy or parenting, as well as connect your family with local services.

Services are provided for 2 years. Children must be under 3 years old at time of enrollment.



"Parents as Teachers helped me be more confident on my parenting skills and I continue to learn new ones. There is always a new activity and we can always redo them as often as my child is interested in it. The activities have also helped me teach my child new skills."

—Eloisa, PAT participant

Visit ghfamilysupport.org
or call 360-532-8631
to sign up for Grays Harbor's
PAT program today!



MOLINA HEALTHCARE



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ST. MARY/EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

**PRESCHOOL
ENROLLMENT
OPEN NOW!**



- ♥ Faith-based learning environment
- ♥ Ages 3-5 welcome
- ♥ Very small class sizes (6:1 student-teacher ratio)
- ♥ Part of a Pre-K to 8th Grade program
- ♥ Accepts WA State Subsidy

Schedule a Tour or Apply Today: (360) 532-1230

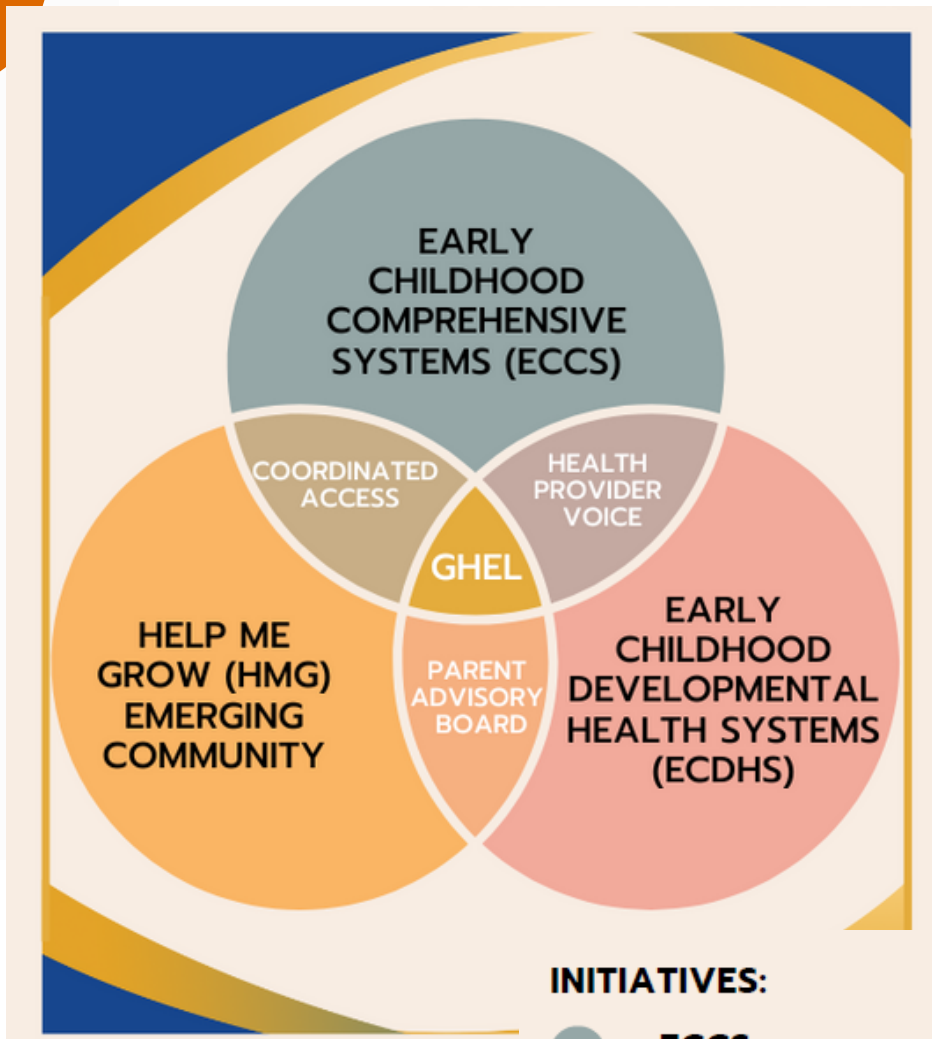
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GHEL COALITION ACTIVITIES



Stakeholder Group



Get Involved and Invite Others

INITIATIVES:

ECCS

Ensure that information about resources available to children and families is trustworthy and accessible wherever it might help families. Families should be able to readily access the resources they need, when they need them.

HMG

Explore a local HMG model and partnerships specifically focused on the coordinated access point and to improve resource navigation and access at the statewide level.

ECDHS

Increase coordination between early childhood/family support professionals, and healthcare providers with a goal of ensuring equitable access to supports and services for local families.

PARENT CHILD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (PCAP)

The Parent-Child Assistance Program (PCAP) is an evidence-informed home visitation case-management model for pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders.

PCAP strives to help mothers build healthy families and prevent future births of children exposed prenatally to alcohol and drugs.



Grays Harbor/Pacific County Office
360-463-9973
514 E. Broadway Ave
Montesano, WA 98563

**IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR
KNOW SOMEONE WHO QUALIFIES,
PLEASE CONTACT OUR
CLINICAL SUPERVISOR AT
1.(360).463.9973**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT THE PCAP
WEBSITE PCAP.PSYCHIATRY.UW.EDU**

SOUTH SOUND PARENT TO PARENT

Bilingual IEP Workshop

Present Levels & Strength Based IEP Goals - by Jim Smith

DATE

Saturday, Oct 25, 2025
10:00 - 11:30 AM

LOCATION

SSP2P – Aberdeen Office
611 North F Street, Aberdeen,
WA 98520

PRESENTER

Jim Smith
Transition Coordinator
Developmental Specialist

Grays Harbor Community Information & Education Program invites you to a **FREE** community-centered training focused on understanding and navigating the Individualized Education Program (IEP) process. Learn how to identify strengths, write clear goals, and collaborate as a team.

Please RSVP by Oct. 22nd to Sol Gonzalez – sgonzalez@ssp2p.org or text (360) 612-1324.



**Sol will be translating during event to ensure accesibilty for Spanish speaking families.*



Know. Go. Provide. Grow.

Raise Awareness:

Early childhood lays the foundation for lifelong learning and success. Which also contributes as an engaged citizen.

KNOW

Support + Action:

When people engage in and support early childhood programs or policies it empowers them to take an active role in our community.

GO

Invest + Contribute:

Providing resources to early childhood program and networks ensures all children have access to quality early learning experiences.

PROVIDE

Thriving Communities:

A focus on early development means a community where every child has the opportunity to thrive, creating a generational impact.

GROW



Join the GHCL Stakeholder group to learn more and support the **KNOW.GO.PROVIDE.GROW.** positive public awareness campaign highlighting early learning and education access.

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EARLY LEARNING NETWORKS



The purpose of **Visions for Early Learning** (VEL) is to provide an intentional space for the organic unfolding of partnerships and connections so that we can respond to emerging community needs effectively. VEL is one of ten regional coalitions in the state joined in **Washington Communities for Children**.



Little Chef

Keep your child engaged in dinner prep. Take turns measuring, pouring, and mixing. If they might spill, put the bowl in the sink so spilling is OK. Talk to them about what you're doing and the ingredients you're using. Encourage them to smell, touch (and taste!) as you go. Ask them what they notice.

Suggested Age

2 years - 4 years

Brainy Background



This activity gives your child the opportunity to hear new words, which builds their vocabulary. Measuring involves counting, which will help them with math in the future. Children of all backgrounds can build strong math skills from a young age.

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Learn more at vroom.org

GET INVOLVED...GHEL MEETINGS & WORKGROUPS

If you are interested in participating in one of the workgroups, please contact Molly Leithold, County Coalition Lead to get you connected.

Join OUR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

3RD TUESDAY

1:30 - 3:30 PM VIA ZOOM

Contact:

MOLLY LEITHOLD,
GHEL COALITION LEAD

GHEARLYLEARNINGCOALITION@GMAIL.COM

COORDINATED ACCESS

- 4th Wednesday ea. month 3:30-4:30 pm

Click [HERE](#) to submit your program(s) for our resource directory.

