

## 2013 Early Achievers Outreach Partnership Grants

The Early Achievers Outreach Partnership (EAOP) initiative, funded by a Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge grant awarded to the Department of Early Learning (DEL) by the U.S. Department of Education, is designed to:

- Help local public libraries partner with DEL to build awareness of key early learning initiatives among Washington families;
- Identify best practices for future partnerships between public libraries and DEL on early learning public awareness and family engagement initiatives.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-001                      **Award:**            \$1,000.00

**Organization:** City of Mount Vernon

**Title:** Play and Learn with a Purpose

**Abstract:** We plan to increase awareness and use of the Early Learning (EL) and Development Guidelines by making them the focus of science based activities at weekly Play & Learn Programs at the library, and at a culminating Family Early Learning Science & Literacy Night in October or early November. We will do this through our choice of science activities, actively guiding participants, and providing handouts to take home with EL guidelines and suggested activities.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-002                      **Award:**            \$1,000.00

**Organization:** Pierce County Library System

**Title:** At Risk Teen Parents - Importance of Reading/Washington State Early Learning Guidelines

**Abstract:** Youth Librarians at the Gig Harbor and Eatonville Library Branches will partner with Henderson Bay High School and Eatonville High School for at-risk, teen parent groups to discuss the importance of reading aloud to infants and children. Participants will be given a copy of the Washington State Early Learning Guidelines as well as free books, and the program will highlight the literacy (communication) portion of the Guidelines for different ages.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-003                      **Award:**            \$500.00

**Organization:** Pierce County Library System

**Title:** Washington State Early Learning System Display

**Abstract:** The Pierce County Library System's Early Learning Supervising Librarian along with the Pierce County Library System's lead Marketing Designer will create a poster that outlines the WA State Early Learning Guidelines, Early Achievers Program and WA Kids in an engaging and informative format. The poster will be displayed in all 18 Pierce County Library branches along with copies of the Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines as well as information for parents about the Early Achievers System. The posters will be made available to other libraries in Washington State.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-004                      **Award:**            \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: North Spokane

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-005                      **Award:**                      \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: Moran Prairie

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-006                      **Award:**                      \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: Spokane Valley

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-007                      **Award:**                      \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: Fairfield

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-008                      **Award:**                      \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: Otis Orchards

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-009                      **Award:**                      \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: Argonne

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-010                      **Award:**                      \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: Deer Park

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-011                      **Award:**                      \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: Cheney

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-012                      **Award:**                      \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: Airway Heights

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-013                      **Award:**                      \$500.00

**Organization:** Spokane County Library District

**Title:** Love Talk Play Soup: Medical Lake

**Abstract:** Love Talk Play Soup for Parents and Providers: We will work with Childcare Aware and Early Achievers to host a Love Talk Play party. At each party, parents will engage in fun early learning activities with their child (based on the Early Learning Guidelines), and also receive information about Early Achievers, the Early Learning Guidelines, and Love, Talk, Play. In addition, we will provide Love Talk Play resources to local Early Achievers Participants and training in how to use them with families through the Technical Assistant Specialists, and a library display for parents and caregivers with parent resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-014                      **Award:**                      \$0.00

**Organization:** Whatcom County Library System

**Title:** Welcome Baby! Lynden Community Baby Shower

**Abstract:** Welcome Baby! : A Lynden Community Baby Shower is a fall public library event where new and expectant parents will learn valuable tips on how to help their baby develop a lifelong love of learning, as well as information about how the library and other state and community resources can help with important parenting information such as choosing childcare, ensuring a healthy baby and preparing a child for school. Information will be available in both English and Spanish. Parents will create several new baby items, including homemade sensory toy and a printed book bag which will be filled with important early learning information and resource contacts, and the Early Learning Guidelines. A baby book and nursery rhyme book will start the families out on the journey of early learning.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-015                      **Award:**            \$1,000.00

**Organization:** Whatcom County Library System

**Title:** Play, Learn and Connect! Family Early Learning Parties

**Abstract:** Play, Learn and Connect! : a series of play and learn story time programs for children birth to 6 years of age which will include early learning activities based on the Washington State Early Learning Guidelines. The goal of the program is to engage families in hands on early learning activities, helping parents to understand the importance of early learning and their role as their child's first and best teacher. It will also include parent education regarding local early learning opportunities and resources, and key state initiatives, such as the Washington State Guidelines and the Early Achievers program.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-016                      **Award:**            \$1,000.00

**Organization:** Timberland Regional Library

**Title:** Grab and Go Early Literacy Kits

**Abstract:** With the goal of giving childcare providers and families fun, easily approachable tools to expose children and families to quality books and activities that support early learning, we will provide for checkout 45 "Grab and Go" Early Literacy Kits – book and activity kits geared towards professional and in-home childcare providers, as well as families, focusing on ages 0-3 years. Each "Grab and Go" kit will consist of a zippered polyester bag including 4 books of age appropriate titles; a copy of the booklet Nursery Rhymes, Songs, and Fingerplays offered by the Public Library Association; and Activity Cards with early learning activities drawn directly from Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library and aligned with Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines, chosen to accompany each title (a complete content list is available in the Budget Narrative section).

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-017                      **Award:**            \$616.00

**Organization:** Timberland Regional Library

**Title:** Block Play at Early Steps to School Success Parent-Child Group

**Abstract:** Project: Block Play at Early Steps to School Success (ESSS) Parent-Child Group.  
The Amanda Park Timberland Library proposes purchasing a complete set of Block Play materials and, working cooperatively with the local ESSS Early Childhood Coordinator, the local Timberland librarian will attend 3 consecutive parent-child groups with the materials and help review applicable and relevant early learning and development guidelines with the families who attend.  
Copies of Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines 2012 will be distributed to all families. Additional funds will be used to purchase the children's book Block City, by Robert Louis Stevenson, as a supplemental take-home for each participating family.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-018                      **Award:**            \$1,000.00

**Organization:** City of Ellensburg

**Title:** Ready, Set ... Grow! Early Learning and Development Guidelines Training for Parents

**Abstract:** The Ellensburg Public Library and the Kittitas County Early Learning Coalition propose to enhance our annual Kittitas County Early Learning Fair and coordinated parent night events hosted monthly by focusing on each of the six areas of the Early Learning Guideline topics. The parent night events will use the guidelines to educate and support families, parents, or caregivers about their child's development and learning through facilitated conversation, free play and craft activities.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-019                      **Award:**            \$1,000.00

**Organization:** North Central Regional Library

**Title:** Believe it BABY!

**Abstract:** Believe it BABY! Our project will be a one day event where we will invite parents of infants to join us as we explore the three areas of Love. Talk. Play. Three separate areas will explore each of these concepts with parents and their babies.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-020                      **Award:**                \$750.00

**Organization:** Whatcom County Library System

**Title:** Changing Table Tunes

**Abstract:** The Whatcom County Library System will promote the practices encouraged by the Love, Talk ,Play campaign by creating, distributing and displaying posters with nursery rhymes to be hung on the walls in public bathrooms near the changing table.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-021                      **Award:**                \$1,000.00

**Organization:** Sedro-Woolley Public Library

**Title:** Early Learning Discovery Boxes

**Abstract:** "Early Learning Discovery Boxes" - We would like to offer 8 new Discovery Boxes, the contents of which are to be directly aligned with the WA Early Learning & Development Guidelines. These Boxes are intended for check-out to parents and caregivers, and will illustrate the principles outlined in the Guidelines, and offer tools to help their child learn effectively. Each Box will be filled with books, puppets, puzzles, activities – all age appropriate (and relevant) to the WA Guidelines, and specifically for P-3 Alignment. In addition, we would like to offer a copy of the WA Guidelines, for every parent, or caregiver – to keep at each check-out.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-022                      **Award:**                \$1,000.00

**Organization:** Bellingham Public Library

**Title:** Early Learning Space at the Fairhaven Branch Library

**Abstract:** The Early Learning Space at the Fairhaven Branch Library will be a destination where families with young children, ages birth - 5 years, can READ, PLAY and LEARN together. This small space will encourage parent and child interaction centered around shared reading and explorative and creative play, based upon the recommendations in the Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines and the American Library Association's Every Child Ready to Read Campaign.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-023                      **Award:**                \$605.00

**Organization:** Whitman County Library

**Title:** Early Achievers Music, Education & Literacy Connection

**Abstract:** The project name is Early Achievers Music, Education & Literacy Connection. The proposal is an early learning community event by award winning Parent's Choice artist, Nancy Stewart, to provide rural families the opportunity to gain early literacy and educational awareness and information through music, stories and songs. It is our intent that WCL continues future partnerships between DEL and libraries in future early learning public awareness engagement initiatives.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-024                      **Award:**                \$621.00

**Organization:** Whitman County Library

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**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-025                      **Award:**                \$988.00

**Organization:** Whitman County Library

**Title:** Early Achievers Music, Education & Literacy Connection

**Abstract:** The project name is Early Achievers Music, Education & Literacy Connection. The proposal is an early learning community event by award winning Parent's Choice artist, Nancy Stewart, to provide rural families the opportunity to gain early literacy and educational awareness and information through music, stories and songs. It is our intent that WCL continues future partnerships between DEL and libraries in future early learning public awareness engagement initiatives.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-026                      **Award:**                \$500.00

**Organization:** Pierce County Library System

**Title:** Love. Talk. Play. Library Parties

**Abstract:** The Bonney Lake Library Branch will host a Love. Talk. Play. party for parents to engage them in early learning activities through play and tie the program to the Library's new Block Play program. The Library will enlist the services of a favorite early learning singer/songwriter to bring the Early Learning Guidelines alive for participants. At the end of the program, parents will receive Love. Talk. Play. resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-027                      **Award:**                \$500.00

**Organization:** Pierce County Library System

**Title:** Love. Talk. Play. Library Parties

**Abstract:** The Steilacoom Library Branch will host a Love. Talk. Play. party for parents to engage them in early learning activities through play and tie the program to the Library's new Block Play program. The Library will enlist the services of a favorite early learning singer/songwriter to bring the Early Learning Guidelines alive for participants. At the end of the program, parents will receive Love. Talk. Play. resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-028                      **Award:**                \$500.00

**Organization:** Pierce County Library System

**Title:** Love. Talk. Play. Library Parties

**Abstract:** The Summit Library Branch will host a Love. Talk. Play. party for parents to engage them in early learning activities through play and tie the program to the Library's new Block Play program. The Library will enlist the services of a favorite early learning singer/songwriter to bring the Early Learning Guidelines alive for participants. At the end of the program, parents will receive Love. Talk. Play. resources.

**Grant Number:** 13-EAOP-029                      **Award:**                \$853.00

**Organization:** Ritzville Library District #2

**Title:** Early Learning @ Your Library

**Abstract:** The Ritzville Public Library proposes to purchase a complete set of block play materials, a sand and water table, and an assortment of handheld musical instruments for use in special children's programs at the library. Programs built around these materials will be aimed at preschool-aged children and their parents, and will include a story time portion that will promote applicable early learning initiatives found in the Washington State Early Learning and Development Guidelines. Copies of the guidelines will be distributed to all participating families. We will also partner with the preschool classes at Ritzville Grade School and Lind Elementary School to offer programs to reach additional children.