

Snohomish County Executive **AARON REARDON**



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Reardon: ECEAP worth the investment in Snohomish County

More than 20 years ago, Snohomish County's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) began serving 70 children and their families. Today, Snohomish County ECEAP serves more than 1,000 children annually.



"This program is well worth the investment," Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "Research shows that investment in programs such as ECEAP reduce later costs for remedial education, teen pregnancy, criminal justice and public assistance. They also ensure that children graduate from high school and have higher lifetime earnings."

Statewide, the program is celebrating 25 years of existence. Reardon recently co-signed a joint resolution honoring the achievements of ECEAP in Snohomish County and across the state. May 24 has been named "ECEAP Day" in Snohomish County.

Snohomish County ECEAP is a free preschool program serving low-income children by providing quality educational experiences that cultivate the potential of the whole child, and by providing access to health, nutrition and family supports. Its coordination between student learning and parent learning is one of its keys to success.

The mission of Snohomish County's ECEAP has always been to nurture healthy growth, development, academic excellence and overall well-being of young children and their families so they can succeed in school and life.

ECEAP is currently recruiting families for the 2012-2013 program year. To learn more about how to enroll your child, [click here](#) or call 425-388-7268.

Annual kids' fishing derby to be held May 19, Gissberg Park

Snohomish County's Parks & Recreation Department will host its annual kids' fishing derby Saturday, May 19, at Gissberg Twin Lakes Park.

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Sincerely,

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Members of the Everett Steelhead and Salmon Club will be on hand from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. to offer assistance, loan fishing gear and hand out prizes for the largest fish.

The event is free and takes place on the northern lake at the park, located at 16324 Twin Lake, Marysville. Participants must be 14 years old or younger.

The annual fishing derby is also sponsored by the Puget Sound Anglers Sno-King Chapter and Snohomish County Sportsmen.

Gissberg Park hosts two lakes, which originated from the excavation of gravel for the construction of Interstate 5, on 44 acres.

Residents can swim, sunbathe or picnic at either one of two sandy beaches located at the lakes. Boating, paddling and other water activities are also popular, although fishing is the predominant use of this park.

The northern lake is designated for juvenile (14 and younger) fishing only, while the southern is open with a valid fishing license. The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife normally stocks the south lake with rainbow trout each spring. In addition, two local fishing clubs cooperatively stock the north lake in late May.

The park is also home to the area's mini-hydroplane races, which run from March through October.

For more information on Gissberg Twin Lakes Park, [click here](#).

Motorcyclists urged to use caution on the roads

Snohomish County is joining federal, state and local highway safety offices and motorcycle organizations in proclaiming May as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month."

Motorists are reminded to safely "share the road" with motorcycles and to be extra alert to keep motorcyclists safe. During the next two weekends, law enforcement will be looking for impaired motorists, including those on motorcycles, as part of the ongoing Target Zero grant-funded emphasis patrols.

"With warmer weather approaching, more motorcyclists are on the roads," Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon said. "All motorists need to pay careful attention and to check before they enter or exit a lane of traffic and at intersections."

A motorcyclist is more vulnerable than a passenger-vehicle occupant in the event of a crash. Statistics show that per vehicle mile traveled, motorcyclists are about 39 times more likely than passenger-car occupants to die in traffic crashes.

Motorcyclists can increase their safety by:

- Avoiding riding in poor weather conditions, and being aware of sand and gravel on the roadway that can affect traction;
 - Wearing brightly colored protective gear and a DOT-compliant helmet;
 - Using turn signals for every turn or lane change, even if the rider thinks no one will see it;
 - Combining hand signals and turn signals to draw more attention to themselves;
 - Using reflective tape and stickers to increase conspicuity;
 - Positioning themselves in the lane where they will be most visible to other drivers; and
 - Never driving while impaired.
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