

## **Media Advisory – Oct. 4, 2010**

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### **County's ECEAP honored for its work with children**

Snohomish County's Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) has received a Visionary Leadership Award from the Committee for Children, whose educational programs are used internationally.

ECEAP is a family-focused school-readiness program offered free to income-eligible families preparing 3- and 4-year-old children for school. It also gives parents the tools they need to raise healthy families.

Snohomish County received this award for implementing and tracking the impacts of social and emotional curricula and presenting their positive results in a simple, well-designed report for the community. Snohomish County's ECEAP was honored during the Committee for Children's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

"Snohomish County ECEAP is deserving of such an award because of the work they, not only with the children, but the continued efforts they make with the parents," said Snohomish County Executive Aaron Reardon. "This is a program that I fully support because it works."

The Committee for Children, a Seattle-based nonprofit agency, is the leading developer of research-based social and emotional learning programs. It works to create a safer, more peaceful world for families by developing curricula for preschool to middle school. Their programs are offered in 21 countries to more than 9 million children.

"We created these awards to recognize those who go above and beyond to make sure children learn the essential social and emotional skills to be safe and to succeed throughout their lives," said Joan Duffel, the Committee for Children's executive director.

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