

Getting There

You have two transportation options:

Ride an Advocacy Day bus

There are 2-3 bus stops where you can meet an Advocacy Day bus. They are usually between Southcenter Mall and Lakewood Town Center. See website for exact details and pick-up/drop-off times:

<http://earlylearningwa.org/index.php/for-families/advocacy>

**The buses are unable to carry any children due to lack of car seats and appropriate seatbelts.

Drive yourself or carpool

Driving directions and parking information are available at:

<http://earlylearningwa.org/index.php/for-families/advocacy>

Other Details

If you need an interpreter, make sure you let us know when you register.

You can participate regardless of immigration or citizenship status.

A boxed lunch will be provided.

Dress for the weather and don't forget to **WEAR RED!**

How to Register

Contact your Family Support staff member at your site, or visit:

<http://earlylearningwa.org/index.php/for-families/advocacy>



Questions?

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ADVOCACY DAY



Olympia, WA

WEAR RED!

This event is sponsored by the Washington State Association (WSA) of Head Start & ECEAP

What is Advocacy?

Advocacy is the act of educating in favor of something, such as your child, a cause, an idea, a policy, or a law.

There are 3 levels of parent advocacy:

Participation: Being present and starting relationships

Using your voice: Start to communicate your needs, desires, and dreams

Formal advocacy: Use the first two levels of advocacy and take action, usually using an official process



What is WSA?

WSA creates opportunities for children, families, and communities through quality training, collaboration, and advocacy for Head Start, Early Head Start and Early Childhood Education and Assistance Programs (ECEAP).

www.wsaheadstarteceap.com



Fast Facts

Puget Sound ESD (PSESD) provides

- **ECEAP**
- **Early Head Start**
- **Head Start**

programs through direct-service and subcontractor models.

PSESD serves more than
5,000 families
in King and Pierce counties

Programs are housed in

- **School Districts**
- **Private Non-Profits**
- **Educare**
- **County Governments**
- **Comm. & Tech. Colleges**
- **Tribal Nations**



What to Expect



Advocacy Day has three parts:

Advocacy Training

You'll learn about the issues that the legislature is discussing and will be voting on. You'll also learn advocacy skills to use later in the day and later in life!

Meet with your Legislators

With other parents from your community and legislative district, you'll meet with your legislators at the Capitol campus to share how early learning has supported your child, family, and community.

Rally on the Capitol steps!

Everyone meets on the Capitol steps to show our support for Early Learning! Parents and legislators speak to the crowd. Because early learning is so important, news stations and papers may cover the event.