

# Get ready to be **Inspired** and **Energized!**

The Washington State Family Child Care Association's annual Early Learning Conferences bring early learning professionals from all around the Pacific Northwest together to experience an invaluable educational and networking opportunity. If you are involved in the care and education of young children you do not want to miss this!

Conference Location:

**Double Tree Suites by Hilton - Southcenter**  
16500 Southcenter Parkway  
Seattle, Washington 98188-3388

This year we are excited to present three of Seattle's BEST Early Learning/Motivational Educators.

**Doors Open**  
7:00am

**Introductions**  
8:00am to 8:15am

**Erin Jones Opening Keynote**  
8:15am to 9:45am

**Break**  
9:45am to 10:00am

**Miriam Dressler (Session 2)**  
10:00am to 11:30am

**Lunch**  
11:30am to 12:45pm

**Tom Hobson (Session 3)**  
12:45pm to 2:15pm

**Break**  
2:15 to 2:30pm

**Tom Hobson (Session 4)**  
2:30pm to 4:00pm



## Session **Topics**

### Session One: 1.5 STARS

**Erin Jones, Keynote Speaker: "Being a World-Changer One Kid at a Time"**

Erin will share her personal journey of the impact educators had in her life, as well as the journey that led her to being a champion for kids. She will share how she has witnessed the powerful impact of adults intentionally engaging the lives of young people over the last 26 years as a professional educator.

### Session Two: 1.5 STARS

**Miriam Dressler: Sharing – The Real Story! Tracking Sharing Through the Ages & Stages of Child Development**

Sharing is often seen as the ultimate social behavior in the early years but learning how to share is a process that takes years and years to develop and use. We'll look at how sharing develops from birth onwards, and how teachers can set reasonable expectations on young children to use this skill.

### Session Three: 1.5 STARS

**Tom Hobson: Educating Citizens Through Play**

Tom speaks about how children's play brings the habits and principles of democracy into 'early years' classrooms. In this full-throated support for play-based education, Tom details through his illustrative classroom stories and examples exactly how his curriculum works. Participants will learn the benefits of introducing these playful principles into their own students. It is an inspiring, often touching, often hilarious, and always eye-opening and empowering presentation.

### Session Four: 1.5 STARS

**Tom Hobson: Speaking With Children So They Can Think**

Tom speaks on how the specific words we use, and how and when we use them, shapes reality for our students for both good and bad. Participants will learn the importance of being clear and precise with language, honoring children without commanding or bossing them, using words to create a world of facts and intrinsic motivation, creating space in which children must do their own thinking and make their own decisions, and supporting children as they learn from the natural consequences of their behaviors.

## Meet the **Presenters**

**"Teacher Tom" Hobson**  
Featured Speaker

Tom Hobson is a preschool teacher, speaker, artist, and author. He is best known, however, for his namesake blog "Teacher Tom's Blog" where he has posted daily for over 8 years, chronicling the life and times of his little preschool in the rain soaked Pacific Northwest corner of the US. For the past 16 years Teacher Tom has been the sole employee of the Woodland Park Cooperative preschools, a collection of 4 separate parent-owned and operated schools housed under a single roof, knit together by Teacher Tom's democratic, progressive play-based pedagogy. The children come to the school as 2-year-olds in diapers and leave as 5-year-olds ready for the larger world.

Teacher Tom's First Book - <http://www.teachertomsfirstbook.com/>



**Erin Jones, Keynote**  
Independent Education and Systems Consultant

Erin Jones has been involved in education for the past 24 years. She has taught in a variety of environments, from predominantly African American to predominantly Caucasian to some of the more diverse communities in the nation. Erin received an award as the Most Innovative Foreign Language Teacher in 2007, while working at Stewart Middle School in Tacoma and was the Washington State Milken Educator of the Year in 2008 while teaching at Rogers High School in Spokane. She received recognition at the White House in March of 2013 as a "Champion of Change".



**Miriam Dressler, Workshop Presenter**  
Director, Learning & Education, Bloom Early Education

Miriam Dressler, founder and owner of Bloom Training and Consulting, in Seattle Washington, has worked in the education field in the United States and South Africa for the past twenty years. She has experience as an early childhood teacher, center director, adult educator, and accreditation manager. Miriam holds a degree in primary education from the University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa.





2018  
**WSFCCA**  
Early Learning  
**Conference**

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**OCTOBER 20, 2018**  
**6 STAR Hours**

# Conference Registration

**Two ways to register:**

**Mail:**  
Fill out the Conference Registration form and send with payment to:

WSFCCA Conference, c/o Joan Aarts  
561 Burnaby Ave SE  
Olympia, Washington 98501

**Online:**  
Please register on our website.  
[www.wsfcca.com](http://www.wsfcca.com) and pay through PayPal or by credit/debit card

**Early Bird Registration Fees: May 15th - August 31st**

**WSFCCA Members:** \$55.00  
Members Discount applies to WSFCCA Members Only

**Non-Members:** \$70.00

**Groups of 6 or More:** \$60.00 ea.  
Groups MUST use mail-In Registration and complete a registration form for each attendee in group. Mail together in one envelope.

**Luncheon:** Add \$15.00 if purchasing or pack a lunch and dine at your table in the Ballroom.



**Registration Fees: Beginning September 1st**

**Members:** \$70.00  
Members Discount applies to WSFCCA Members Only.

**Non-Members:** \$85.00

**Groups of 6 or More:** \$65.00 ea.

**Conference Table Reservations**

If you are registering a group of 10 you may reserve your own table.

Contact: Joan Aarts (360) 790-4211

# Conference and Venue Information

Double Tree Suites by Hilton - Southcenter  
(Tukwila, right off I-5)

**16500 Southcenter Parkway**  
**Seattle, Washington 98188-3388**

Free Parking for Attendees

Conference will be held in the Double Tree Ballroom on the main floor. Turn left as you enter the lobby of the hotel.

Double Tree WSFCCA Hotel Discount - \$99.00 + tax and a \$2.00 hotel fee per night for single, double, triple or quad room.

1-800-222-TREE Based on Availability.

# Vendor and Resource Tables



**By Popular  
Demand**

Crystal Monaghan will be returning to provide free chair massages for attendees.



Vendor and resource tables will be available throughout the day.