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.

Tom Hobson’s First Book  -  http://www.teachertomsfirstbook.com/

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”.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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!

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

**Conference Registration**

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

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Please register on our website.  
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