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WSFCCA BULLETIN

Nominees for the 2017-2019 WSFCCA Executive Board *Meet Your Nominees*

Washington State Family Child Care Association would like to introduce the nominees for the 2017-2019 WSFCCA Executive Board. Full members will be receiving their ballots in the mail by May 1. Please vote and mail your ballot back in the stamped self-addressed envelope by June 15, 2017.

Wendy Avery, East King Chapter *Running for the office of WSFCCA President*

Hello, my name is Wendy Avery. I am seeking the position of President for WSFCCA to help give back to a valuable organization that has provided networking, support, lifelong friendships and professional growth for me.

I have been providing childcare for over 14 years. My love for nurturing and teaching young children has been a lifelong passion and grows continually each day. To learn more about my childcare go to my website - childcarebywendy.com. In 2009, I went back to school and earned my Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education. I am currently a two-time Early Achiever and was rated a three each time.



Through the many years of being a member of East King County Family Child Care Association I have been the Treasurer, President and currently Vice President. I have held several different board positions for over 6 years and it has been a growing and gratifying experience. I'm very proud to be a part of EKCFCFA chapter. I am presently the Treasurer for WSFCCA State Association.

Please take the time to vote for me, I look forward to meeting many of you and working on your behalf.

Roberta Wright

Columbia River Chapter

Running for the office of Vice President

Hi, my name is Roberta Wright. I live in University Place not too far from the Narrows Bridge. I am married to Jaime and we have four sons and a Russian daughter who entered our lives in 1992 when she was 13. These wonderful people have given me 5 of the greatest grandchildren and soon another one will be entering our family.



I have owned my own child care since 1977, back in the days when to get a license all one had to do was buy a large fire extinguisher, write up two weeks' worth of menus and attend a three-hour class at DEL. Over the years I slowly took classes in ECE and completed my CDA. This inspired me to finish my BA from Evergreen Tacoma campus, then an ECE degree from Pierce college and eventually my masters from Leslie University out of Cambridge. I had no intentions of getting my masters but I found going back to school was so invigorating and stimulating. Leslie offered a 2 year Masters Program at TCC, which is less than a mile from my home. A few of my friends talked me into it and I LOVED it. Due to my educational experiences, I have become a great believer in Early Achievers. I have had to do a lot of observing of other programs and what I found was that all of them were extremely lacking. Early Achievers has a lot of major pitfalls that in-home providers find expensive to follow, impossible to follow or just not conducive to family childcare. Yet, having said that I still believe we need a program to encourage the quality of care.

I have been active in the Family Child Care Association of Pierce County for almost 35 years having been on the board for most of it; the last 12 years as president, past president or co-president. I also attended WSFCCA meetings for about eight years as Pierce County's delegate. In 2003 I won a national award; The Terri Lynne Lokoff Award. Every year one hundred providers are chosen to present their child care improvement projects. It was a very rewarding experience to meet childcare professionals from all over the US and to network with them. I have an invested interest in encouraging our childcare associations. I know that without the association I probably would have quit a long time ago. I love meeting like-minded people who are interested in quality care as we help to raise the next generation. I enjoy the networking and the stimulation given by those who love what they do.

Rita Frickelton, East King Chapter

Running for the office of Secretary

My name is Rita Frickelton and I am running for the office of secretary of the Washington State Family Child Care Association.



I have been providing child care since 1998. I received my Associates Degree in Early Childhood Education from Lake Washington Technical College in 2008. I have been a member of WSFCCA for the past 10 years and am currently the President of the East King Family Child Care Association. I have held this position for the last 3 years. I currently hold the position of secretary of WSFCCA.

I am the mother of 3 grown children and have 3 grandchildren. I love to be outside camping, gold mining and gardening. I also enjoy reading in what little free time I have.

Jessica Dixon, East King Chapter

Running for the office of Treasurer

Hi there! My name is Jessica Dixon and my home daycare, The Growing Tree, is located in downtown Bellevue. I graduated from Washington State University in 2012 with a degree in Elementary Education and a minor in Early Childhood Development. In college, I was very involved in the sorority and held positions in Treasury, Philanthropy, and Recruitment. I recently started a Masters Program in Early Childhood Education with a specialization in Administration at Waldron University.

I opened The Growing Tree in 2013 with my childhood best friend, Alli, (we met at a home daycare as toddlers!). We joined the East King County Family Child Care Association in September 2013. In September 2016, we opened The Treehouse, a small 4-hour private preschool in Bellevue for little ones 2.5 - 5 years.

Although we have only been daycare providers for the past 4 years, we have learned so much and have enjoyed every minute of it! We enjoy networking and sharing our ideas with other providers. I am excited to get to know members outside of our East King association, as well as take on more roles on the state level!



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Mary Curry, member of the Columbia River Chapter and the Pierce County Family Child Care Association, is now heading up Public Policy for WSFCCA.

Watch for our next Bulletin for more information.