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## *The Provider Newsletter*

### *Spring 2017 Edition*

WSFCCA welcomes you to our newly formatted email newsletter! If you are unfamiliar with the Washington State Family Child Care Association, please let us introduce ourselves. We are a nationally respected, professional non profit organization of licensed family child care providers throughout Washington State.

2017 is upon us and with it comes the promise of great growth and change. You will find this Newsletter filled with information that affects all licensed family childcare providers as well as information on local chapters, events and updates on our annual 6 STARS HR Early Learning Conference in November and much more. If at any time you wish to unsubscribe, please use the unsubscribe link at the bottom of this and every issue.

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### *Message from the President by Christine Price*



*Christine Price*

The time has come for WSFCCA elections. I have had a great time as your President for the last four years but now it's time for someone else to take on the responsibilities of this great group of providers. Please consider running for office.

I am participating on the Negotiated Rule Making committee this spring and summer. Hopefully the committee can make some beneficial changes to the proposed Weighted WAC's. Many of them are not about the health and safety of children, but rather Early Achievers. The hope is that we can get those proposed E.A out of WAC and where they need to be in Early Achievers.

[Read full article](#)

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## ***Executive Board Elections by Carol Gibbs***

All executive board positions are open at this time. Please think about the direction you want WSFCCA to grow and expand. We need members of this association to step forward and run for one of the Board positions.

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## ***WSFCCA Early Learning Conference News***

The Washington State Family Child Care Association invites all early learning professionals to their annual Early Learning Conference on November 4, 2017 at the Doubletree Suites by Hilton-Southcenter. [Doubletree website](#)

### ***SAVE THE DATE***



***Daniel J Hodgins***



***Miriam Dressler***

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## ***Conference Topics***

We are excited to announce the workshop topics for our 2017 Conference with Daniel Hodgins and Miriam Dressler. Registration fees and schedule will be posted soon. Registration opens June 1st.

[Read Daniel Hodgins' Topics](#)

[Read Miriam Dressler's Keynote Topic](#)

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## ***What's the Union Been Up To? by Marie Keller***

We have great reason to celebrate 10 years as a union. Besides an average rate increase across the regions of 36%, health insurance for as many as we had on the waitlist (upcoming contract still needs approval from the legislature), 12 month authorizations, paid professional days off, holidays. These were some of the basics we found to be essential at every bargaining session.

**SEIU** Local 925

United for Quality Education and Public Services

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## ***Potential Day Care Regulation Changes Worrying In-Home Providers***



KENNEWICK, WA

The Washington State Department of Early Learning is in the beginning stages of a proposal to merge the standards for in-home childcare facilities and childhood learning centers. A proposal some concerned in-home providers say could put them out of business.

[Read full article](#)

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## ***Updating DEL's Rules & Regulations More Than Just Aligning Standards***

The Early Start ACT mandated that DEL update our WAC so that the early learning system has a unified set of regulations that are easy to understand by providers in the field.

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## ***Substitute Pool for Early Learning Providers Launches April 2017***

The Department of Early Learning is excited to announce the launch of the Substitute Pool for early care and education professionals! [Read full article](#)

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## ***WSFCCA Board of Director's Meeting***

The next state meeting will be held on April 22, 2017 at the Yankee Grill, 1 S Grady Way, Renton, WA 98057.

Contact Wendy Avery for more information. [wkavery@comcast.net](mailto:wkavery@comcast.net)

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