

TECC NEWS

Thurston Early Childhood Coalition

Who we are



TECC is a community based organization who is working together to build and support high quality early care and educational environments for Thurston County children and their families caregivers.

Meet your 2024/2025 Board



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Join us

All are welcome!

9:30am - 11:00 am
4th Thursday of every month via
zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88909096516>

Meeting ID: 889 0909 6516

Contact



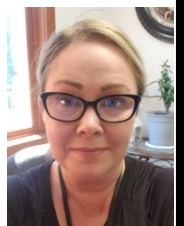
thurstonecc@gmail.com

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360.485.2985

Shawn Thurman
Thurston County Lead





TECC Members Meeting

Thursday, January 23, 2025 / 9:30am-11:00am

Join Zoom Meeting ID: 889 0909 6516

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88909096516>

Thurston Early Childhood Coalition Agenda for January

- Welcome!
- Grant update- We received \$2500 from Nisqually Indian Tribe!
- Website update
- Event updates
 - Childcare Provider hours event, March 15, 2025
 - Suddenly Summer Event, June 14, 2025
- (ICC) Interagency Coordinating Council update- Kim Smith
- Guest Speaker: Special Agent Steven Munson, Human Trafficking Awareness.
- Spin the wheel prize
- Agency Share Outs

NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH

JANUARY

Meet our January Guest Speaker



Steven Munson

Special Agent

Homeland Security Investigations

RAC Tacoma

*Thurston County Narcotics Taskforce
(TNT)*

steven.j.munson@hs.i.dhs.gov

Cell: (206) 276-1530

Special Agent Steven Munson has been with the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) since 2002. He has worked a wide array of case topics including human trafficking on a domestic and an international level. He has worked in South and Central America, Asia, Africa and most recently, Europe. He is currently assigned to work with the Thurston County Sheriff's Office. He is a certified instructor at the DHS Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) and has presented material relating to investigative methods, defensive tactics, firearms, undercover operations, and tactics both in the US and overseas.

THANK YOU



Nisqually Indian Tribe

It is through your care and generosity that allows TECC to offer ongoing support, resources and inclusive events for local families.

FOR YOUR GENEROUS DONATION!

Thurston Early Childhood Coalition





PLEASE JOIN FESS IN CELEBRATING 25 YEARS!

2025 marks 25 years of Family Education and Support Services serving our community.

Come celebrate with us and help us hit our ambitious goal of raising \$250,000 in 2025.

Saturday, February 8, 2025

South Puget Sound Community College – Olympia Main Campus
2011 Mottman Rd SW, Olympia, WA 98512
Building 27 – Student Union

Get your tickets online at:

<https://familyess.org/>



MOBILE TRAFFIC GARDEN

The Mobile Traffic Garden is ready to roll to your school or youth program! We work with children ages preschool through 5th grade. We can set up for P.E. classes or for a period of time during a summer camp or other youth program day. We have scooters, balance bikes, and helmets available for use. Find more information at: <https://ccacwa.org/mobile-traffic-garden/>.

REQUIREMENTS

- Teachers/staff on site to provide class management and help with curriculum
- Staff/volunteers on site to help set up and reload traffic garden (at least two adults able to maneuver 75 lb. bags (indoor traffic garden) or able to maneuver heavy, grubby turf and rubber mat pieces (outdoor traffic garden))
- Parking area available for van and 16' trailer near gym (indoor traffic garden) or outdoor space (outdoor traffic garden)
- Indoor traffic garden space minimum: 48' x 58'
- Outdoor traffic garden space minimum: 54' x 54'
- Outdoor traffic garden space needs to be a flat, paved area
- Outdoor traffic garden can be scheduled June through September and is contingent on dry weather



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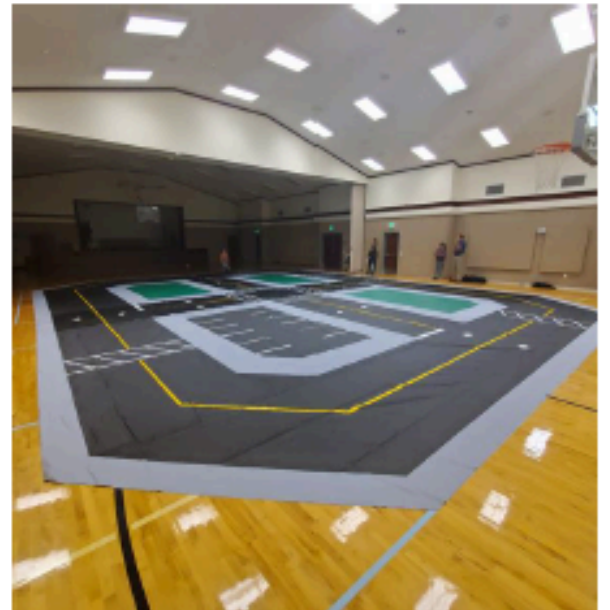


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MOBILE TRAFFIC GARDEN



SAVE THE DATE

South Sound Parent to Parent presents
Champions of Courage
Beach Blowout Fundraiser

Hands On Children's Museum- Olympia, WA
August 9th, 2025 6:30 PM to 9 PM

live and silent auctions
food and drinks available



Reserva

South Sound Parent to Parent presenta
Fiesta en la paya de
campeones de la valentía

Hands On Children's Museum- Olympia, WA
August 9th, 2025 6:30 PM to 9 PM

Subastas en vivo y silenciosas.
Comida y bebida disponibles.





SAVE THE DATES
January 2025

Runia Soul Cafe provides an intentional dining experience with rotating global cuisines. Come and enjoy delicious cultural foods while connecting with our vibrant community!



Date & Time

Cultural Cuisine

Sat., Jan. 18, Lunch 11AM-2PM

Indigenous

Sat., Jan. 25, Dinner 5PM-8PM

Southern Comfort

Dine in or Take-out:



360-918-8625

Scan QR
Code for
Full Menu
or To Order



ASHHO Cultural Community Center

5757 Littlerock Rd SW Tumwater, WA 98512
(across from Tumwater Costco)

ASHHO 
CULTURAL COMMUNITY CENTER
come join us
www.ashho.org

Thurston County Coordinated Entry

Connecting residents who are homeless to housing services

Call the 24-hour Housing & Shelter Hotline at 1-844-628-7343 to schedule an intake appointment or to get more information.

If a call is not answered, please leave a message with your name and phone number.

Or contact the provider below that best fits your household:



Population Served

- Families with children
- Pregnant individuals
- Survivors of domestic violence
- Households without children

Family Support Center of South Sound (FSCSS)

ce@fscss.org [fscss.org](https://www.fscss.org)

Text 360-462-7858 to schedule
or call the hotline, ext. 1

3545 7th Ave SW Ste 200 Olympia, WA 98502

Scan to see calendar of CE walk-in options in Thurston County
or go to www.bit.ly/ThurstonCEWalkins



Population Served

- Youth and young adults (ages 24 and under)

Community Youth Services (CYS) [CommunityYouthServices.org](https://www.CommunityYouthServices.org)

360-918-7883 Rosie's Place: 520 Pear St. SE Olympia, WA 98501

Hours: Rosie's Place is open every day. *See website for current hours.*

What is Coordinated Entry?

Coordinated Entry is an intake program that serves Thurston County residents experiencing homelessness. This program is not designed for immediate shelter or housing placements.

At your intake appointment you will complete a vulnerability assessment and discuss potential solutions, community resources, and eligibility for housing program referrals.

For information on **emergency and night-by-night shelters** see the Thurston County Shelter List: www.bit.ly/ThurstonShelters



Eligible Thurston County residents are:

- Living and sleeping outside.
- Sleeping in a place not meant for human habitation.
- Staying in a shelter.
- Fleeing or attempting to flee domestic violence.

If you're unsure of your eligibility, please call the Housing & Shelter Hotline.



Thurston County

Play, Learn, Grow

Early Learning Programs



Children must be accompanied by a participating adult. Schedule may be subject to change, check ahead before attending a StoryTime program.

Holiday Closures: January 1, 20 & February 17

Book Babies

Books, bounces, music and play for babies and their participating caregivers. For babies 0-24 months.

Lacey	Tuesdays & Thursdays, 11 am – noon	January 2 – March 27
Olympia	Wednesdays, 10:30 am – 11:30 am	January 8 – March 26
West Olympia	Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am	January 7 – March 25
Yelm	Wednesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am	January 8 – March 26

Toddler Storytime

Music, movement, and books for toddlers and their participating caregivers. For children 2-3 years old

Lacey	Wednesdays, 11:00 – 12:00 pm	January 8 – March 26
Olympia	Tuesdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am	January 7 – March 25
West Olympia	Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am	January 2 – March 27

Music & Movement

Join us for a fun music and play program featuring singing, dancing, and finger plays. For children 0-6 years old.

Yelm	Saturdays, 1:00 – 2:00 pm	January 4, February 1 & March 1
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Play Group

Play time for children birth to 6 years with a participating adult. Arrival and departure times are flexible.

Yelm	Fridays, 2:00 – 3:00 pm	January 3 – March 28
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Preschool Storytime

Stories, songs, and activities for preschoolers and their participating caregivers. For children 3-6 years old.

Lacey	Fridays, 11:00 – 12:00 pm	January 3 – March 28
Olympia	Fridays, 11:30 – 12:30 pm	January 3 – March 28
West Olympia	Saturdays, 11:30 – 12:30 pm	January 4 – March 29
Yelm	Fridays, 10:30 – 11:30 am	January 3 – March 28

Family Storytime

Music, movement, books and activities for the whole family. For ages birth to 8 years old.

Hawks Prairie	Mondays, 10:00 – 11:00 am	January 6 – March 31
Lacey	Saturdays, 11:00 – 12:00 pm	January 5 – March 29
Tenino	Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am	January 2 – March 27
Yelm	Thursdays & Saturdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am	January 4 – March 29
Prosperity Grange**	Thursdays, 9:30 – 10:00 am	January 16, February 20 & March 20

Bilingual Storytime/ Hora de cuentos bilingüe

Enjoy stories, rhymes, and songs in both Spanish and English. For children 3-6 years. Zoom Event with Registration.

Zoom	Wednesday, 10 – 10:30 am	Jan 15, 29 & Feb 12, 26 & March 12 & 26
Olympia	Saturdays, 10:30 – 11:30 am	January 18, February 15 & March 15

Hawks Prairie Timberland Library
8205 Martin Way Suite B; 360.252.9658

Lacey Timberland Library
500 College St SE; 360.491.3860

Olympia Timberland Library
313 8th Ave SE; 360.352.0595

Tenino Timberland Library
172 Central Ave W; 360.539.3329

Tumwater Timberland Library
7023 New Market St; 360.943.7790

West Olympia Timberland Library
625 Black Lake Blvd SW; 360.764.4440

Yelm Timberland Library
210 Prairie Park St; 360.539.3330

Anywhere Library: Prosperity Grange**
3701 Steamboat Loop NW,
Olympia, WA 98502

South Sound Parent to Parent

The CONNECTION for families caring for people with disabilities!

YOU KNOW BEST!

If you think your child age birth - three should be crawling, walking or talking, and isn't, please call and schedule a FREE evaluation to see if your child qualifies for early support services.

(Supporting Thurston, Mason & Grays Harbor Counties. For families living in Olympia school district, please contact OSD at: (360) 596-7539.)

NO physician referral required.

www.22p2p.org / 360.352.1126



TU CONOCES A TU NIÑO MEJOR

Si piensas que su niño, en nacimiento hasta 3 años, debería gatear, caminar, o hablar y no lo está haciendo, por favor llámanos para fijar una evaluación gratis para ver si tu niño califica para servicios de apoyo temprano.



No necesitas ser referido por el doctor.

www.ssp2p.org/espanol 360.462.0362

No necesitas ser referido por el doctor.

****Todas las familias son bienvenidas sin discriminación de su estatus.****





Olympia School District

Child Find Notice

- Are you worried about your child's development?
- Does your child have difficulty communicating with people outside the family?
- Does your child have difficulty keeping up with other children their age?
- Does your child have concerning behaviors?
- Does your child have a medical disorder or birth defect that interferes with their development?
- Does the child seem to have hearing or vision issues?

Olympia School District can help! **Any child, birth to five**, whose family has concerns about their child's development and lives within the **Olympia School District Boundaries** can contact our office to receive a free Child Find Screening.

For details visit bit.ly/OSDChildFind or scan the QR Code above.





WE BELIEVE PARENTS ARE THEIR CHILD'S FIRST AND MOST IMPORTANT TEACHER



Parents as Teachers

is a free home visiting program partnering with families to share information, resources and encouragement to support them through their child's most crucial years.

SERVING FAMILIES IN THURSTON AND LEWIS COUNTY FROM PREGNANCY THROUGH AGE 5

Two monthly home visits
 Developmental, health and family screenings
 Monthly group connections
 Access to the CYS resource network

At each visit Parent Educators bring activities and information suited to enrolled children's development, while additionally supporting families in creating goals and making connections to community resources.

Play is learning! The activities in our curriculum support language, motor, cognitive, problem solving, and social emotional development.

when possible
 PAT brings families
BOOKS
DIAPERS
 Household and hygiene products
 Child proofing and safety supplies
 & more

PARENT EDUCATORS CAN SUPPORT FAMILIES WITH

potty training
 positive discipline
 tantrums
 sleep transitions
 school readiness
 finding dentists, childcare and pediatricians
 building routines
 finding new ways to connect
 creating a safe home
 understanding their child's development and how to support it

PROVEN OUTCOMES FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Research shows that when families participate in Parents as Teachers

- Children enter kindergarten ready to learn and the achievement gap is narrowed
- Children achieve school success into elementary grades
- Children's developmental delays and health problems are detected earlier
- Parents improve their parenting knowledge and skill
- Parents are more involved in their children's schooling
- Families are more likely to promote their child's language and literacy



OUR VISION

All children will develop, learn, and grow to realize their full potential.

OUR MISSION

Promoting optimal early development, learning and health of children by supporting and engaging their parents and caregivers.

OUR APPROACH

PARTNER
 FACILITATE
 REFLECT

Contact us for more information on getting started!

Ryanne Zielinski, Program Director
 (360) 701-2528
rzielinski@communityyouthservices.org



Washington State Department of
CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES



Parents as Teachers
 Affiliate



BREAST/CHEST FEEDING GROUP

FREE DROP-IN GROUP. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Weekly on
Thursdays

10:00AM -
12:00PM

Meetings via Zoom
Meeting ID 217 854 382

What is Vroom?



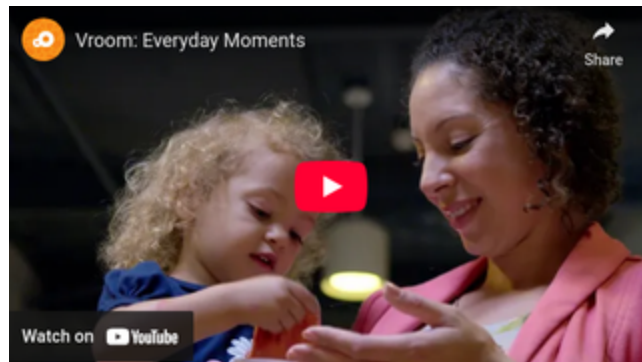
WASHINGTON
COMMUNITIES
for CHILDREN



vroom
Brain building moments

VROOM STATE ANCHOR PARTNER

As a Vroom State Anchor Partner with the Bezos Family Foundation, Washington Communities for Children utilizes our existing infrastructure to integrate Vroom materials into our communications efforts, as well as into our Health Provider Voice and Family Voice Learning Networks. Our continued goal is to connect health providers and hard-to-reach families across the *entire* state of Washington to Vroom.



<https://youtu.be/SzqNM1gjh00?si=LtTlovJ5wEQLEQVJ>

Try a Vroom tip: <https://www.washingtoncfc.org/vroom>

To receive complimentary Vroom materials, please contact
Shawn Thurman sthurman@ssp2p.org

UPCOMING EVENTS



If you would like to share flyers on our next newsletter,
please email : Thurston ECC thurstonecc@gmail.com

For more information about how you can be involved in TECC,
please contact: Shawn Thurman 360.485.2985 or email:
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