



Helping Raise Healthy Children

Who Benefits from Parenting Matters and First Teacher?

Parent

- Parent who wants to improve his/her parenting skills
- Parent who wants to help his/her child get off to a good start
- Parent who needs or wants to know about resources in the community and at school
- Parent with little time to read parenting magazines or books
- Parent who had poor parenting or a poor experience when he or she was in school
- Parent who wants to help his/her child do better in school
- Parent who has few financial resources
- Parent with low reading ability
- Parent with a child who has a problem or developmental delay
- Parent who, for lack of knowledge, might give up on assuming responsibility for their child

Child

- Child who is encouraged to learn, to be curious, and to be responsible
- Child who has consistent and reasonable approach from parents
- Child who experiences love from the earliest months of life
- Child whose parent stays involved
- Child whose parent continues to believe they are responsible for their child's behavior

Schools

- School district that knows that continuing to involve parents in their child's education significantly increases the likelihood of meeting state standards
- School district that wants to present a positive image to the community
- School district that wants children to begin school ready to learn
- School district that believes that parents can be an asset to their child's learning and readiness to learn
- School district that seeks early identification of children with developmental problems
- School district that wants to inform parents of what is happening in the school including available programs, ways to help prepare children for school, coming Maintenance & Operation levies and bonds
- School district that recognizes that what happens in the first years of a child's life affects the child's ability to do well in school and is part of the school's responsibility
- School district that understands that it is far more effective and less expensive to prevent problems than to try to correct them

Community

- Community that wants parents to assume their responsibility to raise happy, healthy children
- Community that wants to disseminate health information to families of young children
- Community that recognizes that it has a stake in what happens with each young child
- Community that realizes that it isn't enough to have services available to families in need, it needs for parents to know about these services
- Community that recognizes community problems such as juvenile delinquency, lack of respect for authorities, school dropouts, and perhaps even teen pregnancies are determined before a child enters kindergarten
- Community that recognizes *preventing problems* today is cost effective for all of our citizens

Parenting Matters Foundation and First Teacher help forge a partnership with parents to begin the healthy education of children from the moment of birth and throughout the child's growing years.

Helping parents helps children. Raising children is everyone's responsibility.



Parenting Matters and First Teacher Supporters

The primary supporters of Parenting Matters and the First Teacher program have been school districts that recognize the importance of providing services to families from the beginning years of a child's life. Since this program began in 1990, we have also received generous financial support for parent education from the following organizations:

Over \$60,000

- Washington Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect

Over \$25,000

- Albert Haller Foundation
- Carolyn Foundation
- Clallam County Health & Human Services
- Clallam County Community Network

Over \$15,000

- Anonymous Donor
- Sequim Sunrise Rotary
- Microsoft (Software)
- Sequim HS Horticulture Class

Over \$10,000

- Rotary Club of Sequim
- Sequim High School Horticulture Class
- Fred Hill Materials
- Toys R Us
- Olympic Medical Center
- Blake Sand & Gravel
- First Books

Over \$5000

- Peninsula Daily News Charitable Fund
- CC Community Network
- Bank of America
- Community Task Force
- A.J. Webb Construction
- Walking Foundation
- Code Blue
- CC Physicians Community Benefit Fund
- Code Blue
- City of Sequim
- Quileute Headstart
- Carl Estep
- CC Sheriff's Department
- Carl Estep

Over \$1000

- Eagles Ladies Auxiliary
- The Retired Military Officers Association
- Soroptimist International of Sequim
- Community Task Force
- Sequim Ladies of the Elks
- Poulsbo/North Kitsap Rotary
- Jexton USA
- Community Foundation of the Sequim-Dungess Valley
- Adobe Systems
- The Rayonier Foundation
- Sequim Police Department

Under \$1000

- Kiwanis
- Friends of the Port Angeles Library
- Soroptimist Jet-Set of Port Angeles
- Delta Kappa Gamma
- WA State Patrol (safety helmets)
- Action Residential Property Management
- Daishowa
- Sequim Educational Foundation

· **Business and Individual Contributions:** Local businesses have been very supportive of activities of the First Teacher program. Over 100 local businesses have contributed to the programs. Individual financial contributions, subscriptions, and subscriptions sponsored by others are a growing and appreciated part of the First Teacher program and Parenting Matters Foundation.

Other contributions to the First Teacher program and Parenting Matters Foundation:

Over 100 volunteers contribute yearly to the First Teacher program by baby sitting, proofreading, helping with meetings, and being available to help. Local therapists, dentists, physicians, nutritionists, nurses, librarians, firefighters, police and sheriff officers, dental hygienists, nurses, music programs, public health representatives, childbirth educators, psychologists, and tribes have contributed time for programs and classes that have been offered by First Teacher and Parenting Matters Foundation. It really does take a village to raise a child.

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