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### EYELI Stakeholders

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Yakima School District  
Yakima Schools Foundation  
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Center  
Yakima Southwest Rotary  
Yakima Sunrise Rotary  
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Yakima Valley Community College  
Yakima Valley Community  
Foundation  
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic  
Yakima Valley Memorial  
Hospital  
Yakima Valley Regional Library

## Investing in East Yakima's children!

ESD 105 and the EYELI Stakeholders have successfully secured two planning grants to develop the East Yakima Early Learning Initiative over the next six months. The first grant is from the **Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation** for \$750,000. The second grant is from **Thrive by Five: The Washington Early Learning Fund** for \$423, 228. Both grants are to be used to ensure a high quality business plan is built that:

- a) includes "one model childcare center or 'hub'...that serves the entire community (East Yakima)",
- b) transforms existing licensed childcare to "high-quality early learning environments",
- c) makes high-quality early learning "accessible and affordable to *all* children birth to five within the demonstration community," and
- d) provides a "variety of programs inside and outside the home so that parents and caregivers will receive information, training, and support to be their child's first and most important teachers."

In addition, the business plan is to implement community-based, collaborative efforts focused on creating high quality early learning using proven models that are replicable. It is expected that the plan include innovative approaches that will design, test or research early learning in order to "advance and inform early learning in Washington."

(Investing in Children: An Early Learning Strategy for Washington State, Nov. 2005).

## How will the Planning Grant Dollars be Spent?

The grant dollars will be spent in the following ways:

### Personnel Costs

- Hire consultants in building design, capital fund development, business planning, and others as needed
- Secure the involvement and time of Work Group chairs by purchasing up to 200 hours of their time
- Hire consultants with particular program expertise as needed
- Reimburse parent involvement time for parent representatives serving at all decision-making/planning levels of the project
- Provide funding for childcare for parent representatives throughout the planning process
- Hire a team of professional staff to support the planning committees and move with the project into the implementation phase: a data administrator, a fiscal manager, a project coordinator (This position moves into the director position at the end of the planning phase of the project.), and a parent ombudsperson

### Non-Personnel Costs

- Provide travel to early learning sites around the country for those closely involved in planning the early learning program and facility;
- Pay for travel as required by the Gates Foundation/Thrive by Five
- Pay for the costs of a Needs Assessment survey
- Provide materials and supplies needed for supporting staff and planning groups
- Provide community engagement materials to inform the community about the progress of the project and to continue to invite involvement
- Provide costs related to reviewing curriculum and programs