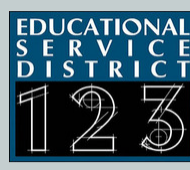


# ESD 123 Early Childhood Services

June 2021 Newsletter

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## Upcoming Dates

Sept 20-24: [Division for Early Childhood International Conference](#)

Oct 25-28: [Early Childhood Inclusion Institute](#)

Watch for more early learning workshops and trainings in the ESD 123 Events Catalog: [www.esd123.org/learn](http://www.esd123.org/learn)



## Migrant Family Summer Home Visit Program



ESD 123's Migrant Program is set to begin their home visit program this summer. Each family with a migrant child who is between 3-5 years old will receive a kit every month with tools to help with Early Numeracy, Literacy, Social Emotional and STEM development. The ESD team will make three to five visits to each family over the summer.

This program will take place in Columbia Burbank, Prescott, College Place, Finley, and Richland. In addition, ESD 123 is helping support North Franklin and Pasco as they are also launching home visits for their 3-5 year old migrant students. Combined, these programs are estimated to serve more than 150 migrant students and families this summer!



## THE ARTS GET A BOOST WITH A CREATIVE START GRANT AND ESD 123

More funding for art is on its way, offering young learners more opportunities to explore their creativity. The Washington State Arts Commission (ArtsWA) recently informed ESD 123 that the agency has been approved for a \$25,000 Creative Start grant in 2022!

The grant objectives are:

- Professional learning opportunities for early learning educators
- Collaborative practices between schools, arts organizations, teaching artists, and families
- Projects that increased creative, academic, and social emotional growth for early learners
- Innovative professional growth for early learning educators

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## Transitional Kindergarten

Othello and Pasco School Districts recently received grants from the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to offer Transitional Kindergarten Programs to children and families in their districts.

Transitional Kindergarten (TK) is for children younger than age five who do not have access to high-quality early learning or preschool prior to kindergarten and who have been found to need additional preparation to be successful in kindergarten. Need is determined by the school or district through an assessment or screening tool.

Transitional Kindergarten is run like a regular kindergarten program during the school year. Districts are not required to have TK programs, but the idea is catching on. Pasco and Othello were fortunate to be two of eight districts who received grants from OSPI to support their programs.

To learn more about transitional kindergarten, please contact Jennifer Kelley at [jakelley@esd123.org](mailto:jakelley@esd123.org).

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