Focus of the Coalition

The Coalition was formed in 2006 to help our community support parents as their children's first teachers and improve access to high quality childcare/preschool. We are working hard so that all children in the Walla Walla Valley are healthy and ready for school and life, supported by parents, citizens, and community partners.

WHAT we will do

Coalition members have been planning ways local organizations can work together to make this happen over the next several years. We have been discussing four things that we hope will happen:

- Parents/Families have the skills and support to help their children to succeed
- Children learn and develop successfully
- Adults that work with children have the skills and support they need
- People in the Walla Walla Valley respect and understand the important role of parents and care givers

Are these the things you work for? What is missing or different?

How do you know if you this is happening with children in your care?

HOW we will do it

Coalition members think that the best way to help over the next several years is to:

Support parents and families in their important role.
Question: When you think about families you know, what would help them to be successful parents?

Encourage education, experience and fair pay among adults who care for children.
Question: When you think about your child care business, what are some ways we can make it possible for you to use your experience, continue your education and pay yourself better?

Increase awareness and knowledge of the importance of early childhood development and let community members know what they can do to help.
Question: What are some ways we can help people in the valley know what parents need and what you need?