A young child with short dark hair, wearing a yellow t-shirt, is shown in profile from the side, focused on drawing on a white sheet of paper. The child is holding a blue marker and is in the process of drawing a circular pattern. The background is a dark chalkboard with faint, illegible white markings. The overall scene is brightly lit, highlighting the child's concentration.

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Then and Now

# Then

1998: Washington State Governor's Commission on Early Learning excludes librarians



2001: WSL begins providing resources

2007: Thrive by Five

2010: WA State Early Learning Plan released


2012: Early Learning Guidelines released

2000: Early brain research explodes

2006: Department of Early Learning

2008: Early learning Public Library Partnership formed

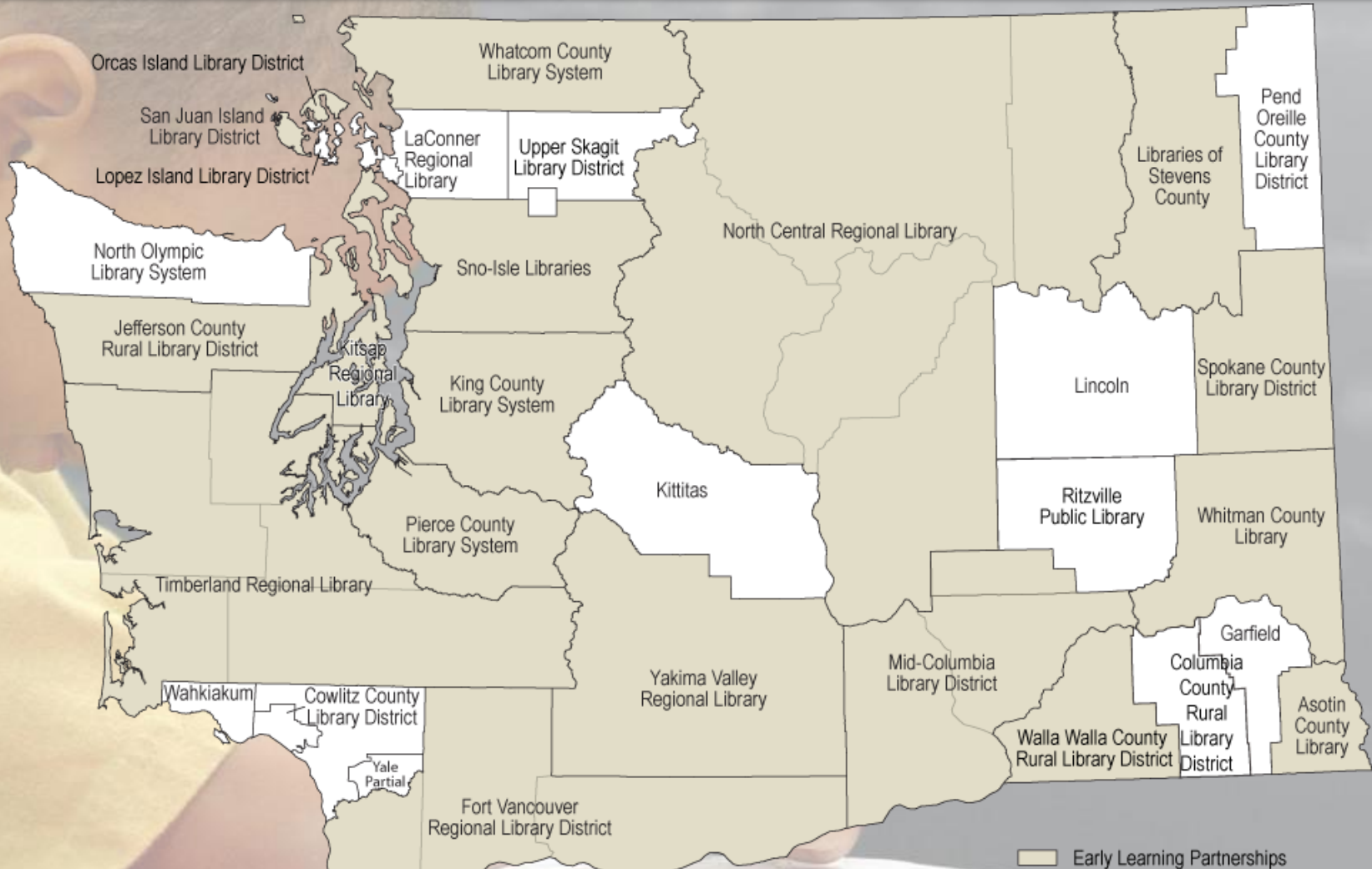
2011: UW receives National Leadership Grant



2013: Washington State Library awarded Early Achievers  
Outreach grant

**Now**

# ELPLP in Washington





# Oregon

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Early childhood state services



# Then

Prior to 2011:

**Child Care Division** -> Child Care Resource & Referral, Teen Parent Program, Inclusive Childcare, Oregon Registry

**Commission on Children & Families** -> Healthy Start

**Department of Education** -> Oregon Pre-K, Early Head Start, Head Start, American Indian Head Start, Migrant/Seasonal Head Start

**Department of Human Services** -> Employee Related Day Care program, Oregon Center for Career Development

**State Library** -> Ready to Read Grant



1993: Oregon Family Child Care Network

1999: Oregon's Child Everyone's Business

2005: Statewide Early Literacy Initiative

2009: Parent Education Mapping Project

1995: Reading for a Healthy Start

2000: Early Words

2008: Reading for Healthy Families

2010: Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative



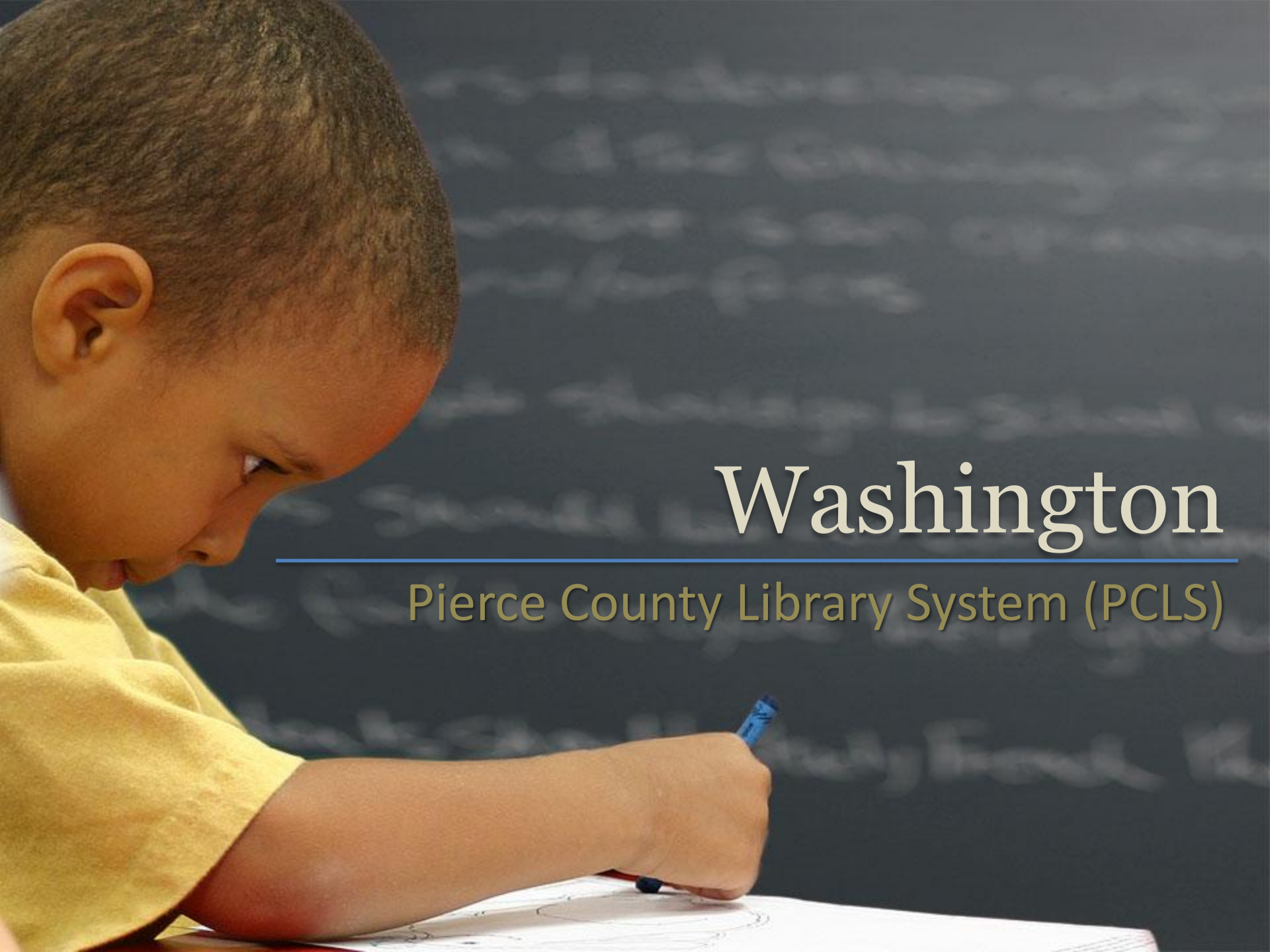
2013: Early Learning Council

**Now**

# Current statewide initiatives

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- Governor Kitzhaber's 40-40-20 Plan
- Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative
- Race to the Top Early Learning Grant
- Rudy Crew's Oregon Reads
- Statewide mandatory kindergarten assessment
- Tiered quality rating and improvement system for childcare providers (TQRIS)

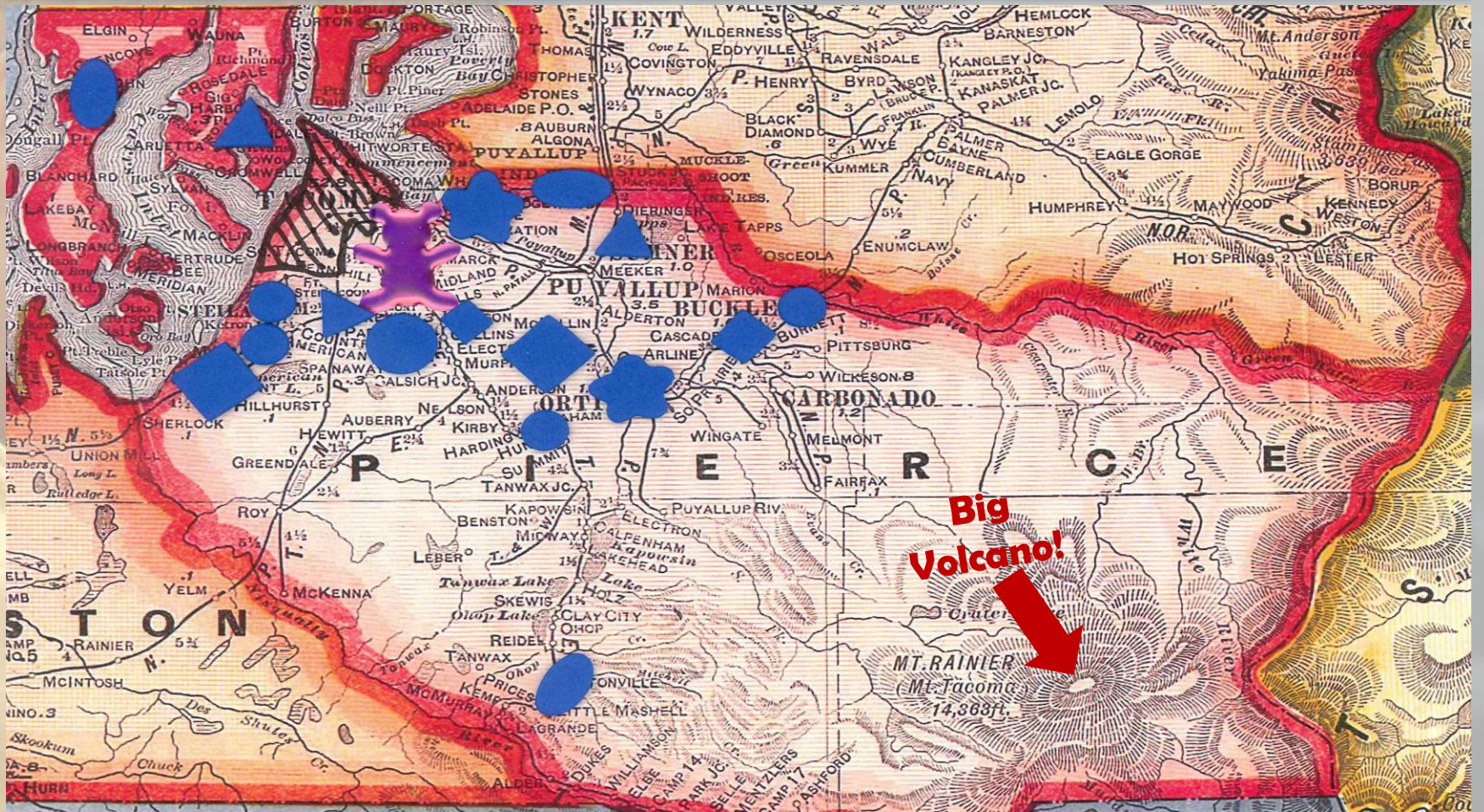


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Pierce County Library System (PCLS)

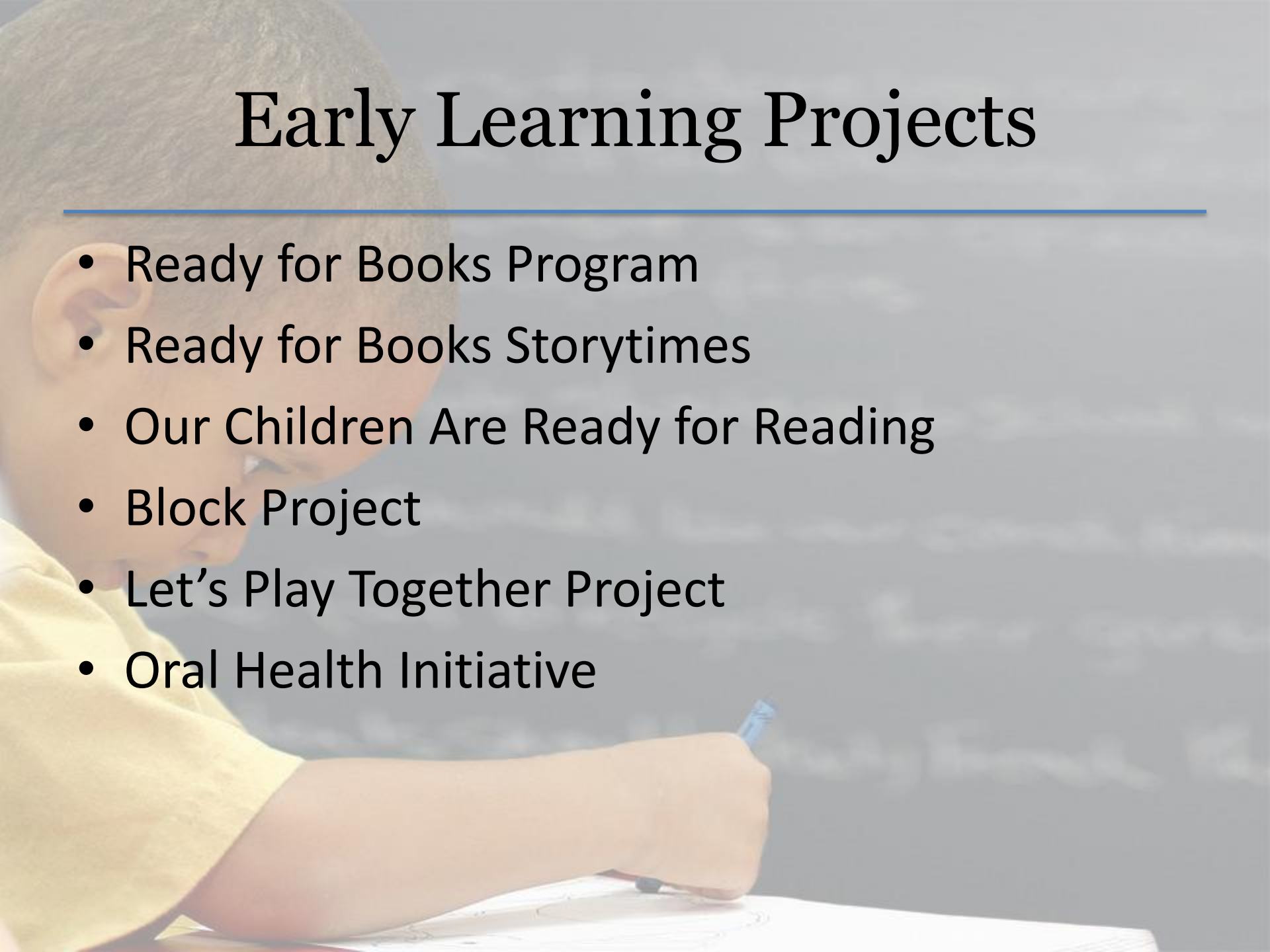
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# Early Learning Projects

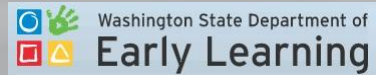
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- Ready for Books Program
- Ready for Books Storytimes
- Our Children Are Ready for Reading
- Block Project
- Let's Play Together Project
- Oral Health Initiative



# PCLS Partners

13 School Districts

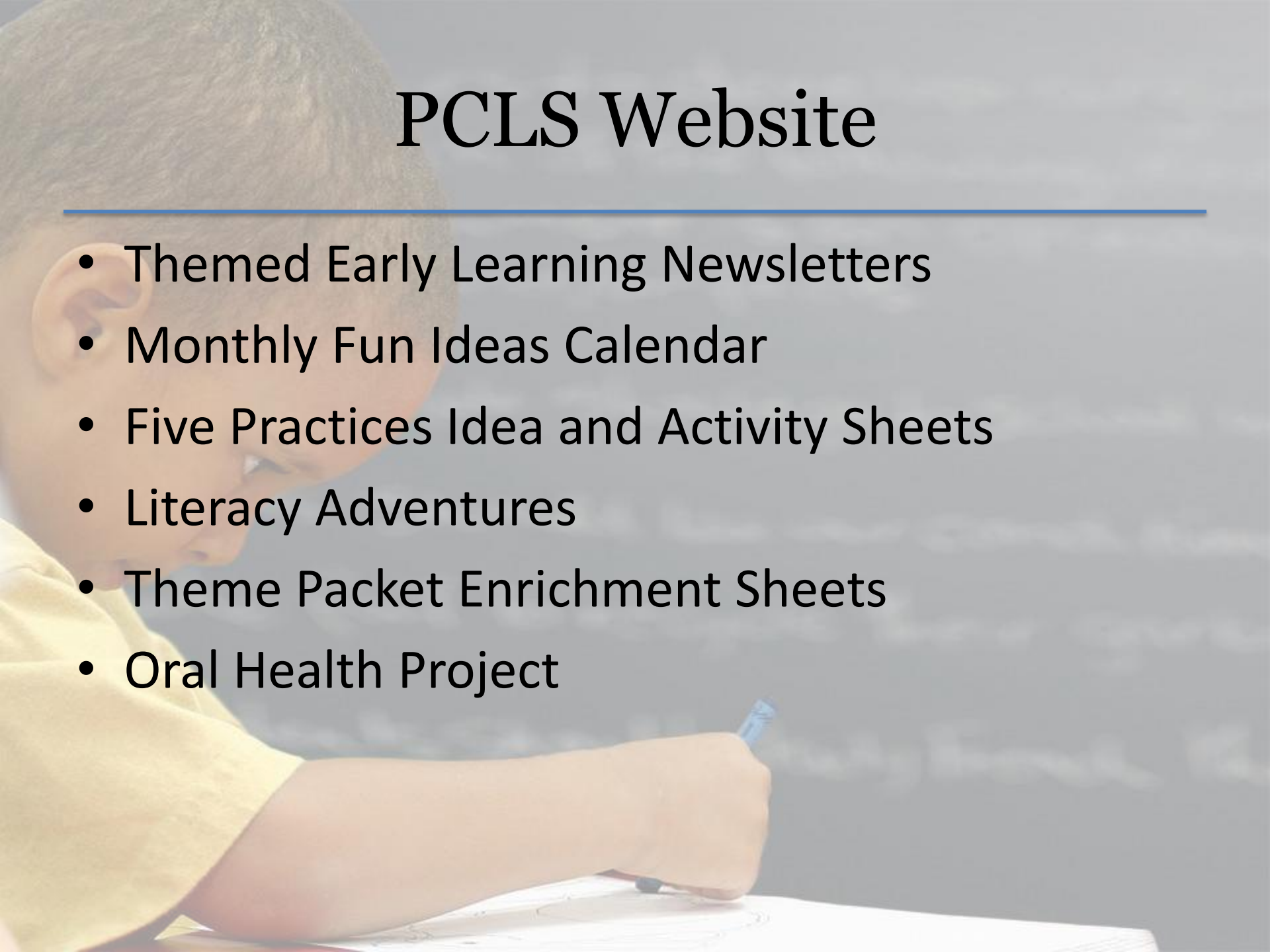




# PCLS Website

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- Themed Early Learning Newsletters
- Monthly Fun Ideas Calendar
- Five Practices Idea and Activity Sheets
- Literacy Adventures
- Theme Packet Enrichment Sheets
- Oral Health Project

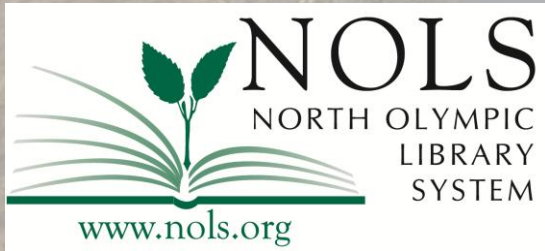




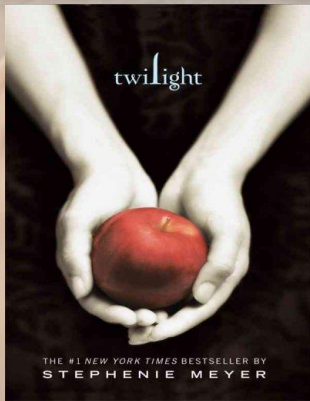
# Washington

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North Olympic Library System (NOLS)



# Learn. Create. Connect.



# Ongoing Early Literacy Programs



- Read & Return Board Book program
- Quarterly family music programs
- Storytimes for all ages: babies, toddlers, Kindergarten Express, pajama storytime, toddler dance party
- Storytime Kits
- Parenting programs/parenting collection
- Baby Summer Reading Program
- Legos & Literacy programs
- NOLS U Staff Training
- Storytime Corps in summertime
- Paws To Read
- Library spaces

# Early Learning Partners

- Olympic-Kitsap Early Learning Coalition
- Clallam County Literacy Council
- WA State Library
- Other libraries



# Outreach

- Head Start
- First Step Parenting program
- First Teacher program
- Food Banks
- Clallam County Fair
- Port Angeles Farmer's Market
- Peninsula College Early Learning Program
- Olympic Natural Resource Center



# Special Programs

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- Book Bag program serving West End and tribal Head Starts in Clallam County
- Jim Gill workshop





Thank you!

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[http://www.oregon.gov/Gov/Pages/oeib/OregonEducationInvestmentBoard.aspx#Early\\_Learning\\_Council](http://www.oregon.gov/Gov/Pages/oeib/OregonEducationInvestmentBoard.aspx#Early_Learning_Council)

- Ages & Stages Questionnaires® <http://asqoregon.com/>
- Early Childhood Unit: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=533>
- Early Learning Guidelines: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=1408>
- Governor Kitzhaber's 40-40-20 Plan: <http://tiny.cc/911dvw>
- Kindergarten assessment: <http://tiny.cc/i13dvw>
- Race to the Top Early learning Challenge Grant: <http://tiny.cc/313dvw>
- Rudy Crew's Oregon Reads: <http://tiny.cc/5s2dvw>
- Tiered quality rating and improvement system : <http://tiny.cc/jl2dvw>

**Other Early Childhood Resources**

- Children's Institute: <http://www.childinst.org/>
- Oregon Registry: <http://www.pdx.edu/occd/oregon-registry-2>
- Parent Education Collaborative: <http://tiny.cc/t23dvw>
- Parent Education Mapping Project: <http://tiny.cc/g33dvw>
- Reading for Healthy Families: <http://www.oregon.gov/osl/LD/Pages/youthsvcs/rfhf.home.aspx>
- Ready for School: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/search/page/?id=870>
- Status of Oregon's Children: [http://www.cffo.org/site/download/county\\_data\\_books](http://www.cffo.org/site/download/county_data_books)

**Funding**

- The Ford Family Foundation: <http://tiny.cc/d43dvw>
- Oregon Community Foundation: <http://tiny.cc/943dvw>
- Other literacy grants: <http://tiny.cc/w53dvw>

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