The 36th District Democrats Special Presentation

Early Childhood: Research and Policy

Wednesday, June 17

Issues Presentation: 7-8 pm; General Meeting: 8-9 pm

**Phinney Neighborhood Center – lower building  
6615 Dayton Ave North in Seattle**

**Presenting:**

* **Jason Gortney; Children’s Home Society of Washington and Harvard Frontiers of Innovation** 
  + **“Toxic Stress in Early Childhood: What We Need to Know”**
* **Adrienne Quinn: director of the King County Department of Community and Human Services** 
  + **Best Starts for Kids** will help ensure that every child in King County has the opportunity to reach his or her full potential in life. [www.kingcounty.gov/beststarts](http://www.kingcounty.gov/beststarts)
* **Tim Burgess: Seattle City Council**
  + **Seattle Preschool Program:** Voluntary, high-quality, affordable preschool
* **Guest Speaker: Early Learning and Washington State Public Policy**
  + “High quality childcare and early learning are critical to a child’s future success. The path starts long before he or she ever sets foot in a kindergarten classroom. But there are thousands of children in Washington who do not have access to these programs. House Democrats have made quality childcare and early learning [a priority](http://housedemocrats.wa.gov/tmp/2015/03/EL-and-Higher-Ed-FINAL.pdf), expanding access and increasing quality through both our budget and [Early Start](http://app.leg.wa.gov/billinfo/summary.aspx?bill=1491&year=2015).” -Rep. Ruth Kagi



http://developingchild.harvard.edu/foi\_graphics/foi-knowledge-wall.html