



## Tulalip Charitable Contributions Funds Distribution Report

**NAME OF AGENCY:** Wellspring Family Services

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**GENERAL GOALS:** Wellspring Family Services is a nonprofit, multi-service agency serving low-income and vulnerable individuals, children and families in Seattle and King County. For more than 120 years, Wellspring has been a source of opportunity for children and families to win their resilience, triumph over trauma, and reach their full potential.

**SPECIFIC USE FOR THIS AWARD:**

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For more information see the attached pages from Wellspring Family Services.



April 22, 2015

Marilyn Sheldon  
Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund  
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Dear Marilyn,

Thank you so much for your support of Wellspring's Early Learning Center. In September 2014, we received a grant [REDACTED] from the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund to support our work with young children who have experienced the trauma of homelessness in Seattle/King County.

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In 2014, the ELC served 80 children from 66 families, and 89% of these children demonstrated significant increases in their age-appropriate skills that promote school readiness. We are also excited to share that in February of 2015 the ELC expanded into a fifth classroom, which enables us to serve up to ten more children each day. We are thankful for the Tulalip Tribes Charitable Fund's long history of support for this program, which was used to leverage the required additional support to open this new classroom.

The attached report outlines the Early Learning Center's accomplishments in 2014. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, or would like to tour the facility.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Pearson".

Kelly Pearson  
Chief Development Officer

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### Number Served

**80 children in 66 homeless families**

- 100% Experienced Homelessness
- 96% Very Low Income
- 93% Children of Color
- 53% In Single Parent Families
- 35% Other Languages Spoken at Home
- 13% Immigrants / 29% Immigrant Parent

### Outcomes

89% of the children demonstrated **significant increases** in age-appropriate skills as measured by weekly assessments

An average of **36 new developmental skills** were gained

Outcomes for children who participated at the ELC for at least 4 weeks

*Children experiencing homelessness are 4 times more likely to show delayed development*

*And have twice the rate of learning disabilities as non-homeless children.*

*-- National Center on Family Homelessness, 2014*

### Outcome achievement & Length of Stay

The average number of weeks attended by children who *did not* make the outcome was 5 weeks as compared to 35 weeks for children who did.

### Parent Engagement

**25 parents** attended **8 workshops** designed to strengthen parenting skills

Examples of outcome statements from parents:

#### Reflective Parenting

*"I will sit and talk to my child about how he is feeling."*

#### Importance of Free Play

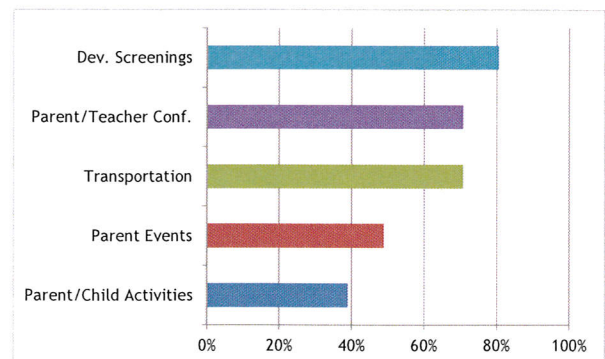
*"I will put out different toys for my daughter to try with different textures."*

#### Healthy eating

*"I will try to get my child to eat healthier, especially green vegetables."*

### Additional Services Provided

Based on records of children who exited in 2014



### Referrals Made

32 out of 52 children who exited in 2014 received at least one referral

Baby Boutique	30
Parent-Child Services	13
Developmental Follow-up	9
Child Protective Services	5

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## 2014-15 Early Learning Center Photos



Seattle Mayor Ed Murray (left) and City Council President Tim Burgess (right) with Wellspring CEO Ruthann Howell at our ELC 5<sup>th</sup> Classroom Celebration in February 2015.