



STRENGTHENING ISLAND FAMILIES

Gain insight, increase your knowledge and improve your parenting skills



SAT., NOV. 1 (9:30 AM – 3 PM)

Orcas Island Senior Center - Lundeen Room

9:30 – noon: “The Power of Relationships”

Five ways to connect more deeply with your children,
including discussions of teaching and guiding boys.

12:30 – 3 PM: “Parenting Styles and Activities”

Identify the strengths of your parenting style;
Easily incorporate activities and music into parenting.

Bellingham-based Early Childhood trainer Ray Soriano will kick off the “Strengthening Island Families” workshop series with two sessions to help parents reach their children more effectively and identify and employ the strengths of their individual parenting styles. Ray is known for his fun, engaging and inspirational style of presenting. The two sessions can be attended separately or in conjunction with each other.

Children’s House, Kaleidoscope, Montessori and Salmonberry have agreed to provide child care free of charge for students whose parents will be attending the workshops. Lunch will be served to students at the centers and parents or guardians attending the programs will be treated to lunch and refreshments.

The programs, care and lunch are free, but reservations before Oct. 23rd are required to ensure adequate food and caregivers are available. Reservations can be made to any of the Preschools.

ABOUT THIS SERIES

Children who experience sensitive care-giving in the first five years have better social-emotional, language and learning outcomes, which later translate into positive behavior and academic success in school. Armed with this knowledge and funding support from an OICF grant with matching support from ECEAP, the four local preschools are working together to ensure families on Orcas have adequate, affordable and consistent access to quality programs that support these critical years of young parenting. Read more about how our local centers are working to “Strengthen Island Families” through www.orcasislandece.wordpress.com.

ABOUT THIS SPEAKER

Ray Soriano is an early childhood and school-age trainer, parent educator, program consultant, teaching musician, and drumming event facilitator. A relentless advocate for children, Ray draws from 25 years of service to children and families, which includes preschool teaching, school-age care, child care administration, therapeutic children’s programs, parent education, Child Protective Services, and teaching drumming and music in schools and youth programs. Ray is a prevalent trainer and workshop presenter who has shared his passion and expertise with thousands of professionals and parents throughout Washington State.