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**Reading For All Early Literacy Symposium Slated**

Early childhood educators and childcare providers in Marion County are invited to attend a free symposium focusing on early childhood literacy. It will be held in the auditorium at Chemeketa Community College from 9 a.m. -1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 18. The Marion County Children and Families Commission is sponsoring this symposium. Pre-registration is required but admission is free. Complimentary lunch will be served and free early learning books will be available for participants.

Speakers will include Linda Craven, Chair of Chemeketa Community College's Early Childhood Education Department and Debbie King, Administrator with the Willamette Education District Speech and Pathology Department.

Research tells us that very young children develop language and literacy through interactions and experiences with the adults around them. This symposium will focus on how to help the children in childcare develop early language and literacy. Using Zero to Three's Cradling Literacy curriculum, speakers will review the role of relationships, culture and stories in early language and literacy development. Participants will also examine ways to engage families to support early language and literacy.

All conference attendees will receive a certificate of attendance at the end of the conference. For more information, or a registration form, call (503) 588-7975.

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