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Kids' Potential, Our Purpose

“Together, with parents and partners, we offer children world-class learning opportunities so they reach their full potential.”

Overview of DEL Strategic Planning



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Strategic Planning

Joe Egan
Chief Operating Officer



Mission and Vision

Together, with Parents and Partners, we offer children world-class learning opportunities so they realize their full potential.

Every day we are honored to take action that inspires the world to discover, love and nurture the greatness in all children.

Build Public Will and Awareness

Build a Comprehensive Early Learning System

Strengthen Dialogue with Parents and Caregivers

Build Organizational Excellence



Strategic Goal:

Increasing Public Will and Awareness

Objective: Increase Public Awareness of the support and information available to parents

Strategy:

Expand the Family Help Line by expanding service into the evening and hiring and training bilingual staff

Measures:

- *More parents access information and support through the helpline
- *Non-English speaking parents access the helpline



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Quality Rating and Improvement System

Dr. Juliet Torres
QRIS Coordinator

Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)

- ❑ Building an improvement system tailored to Washington State
- ❑ Investment
 - △ \$5 million over two years
- ❑ Partnerships
- ❑ Progress



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Parent Support and Programs

Lynne Shanafelt
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Parent Support and Programs

- ❑ What are we doing to help parents?
 - △ Child care subsidies
 - △ Family Help Line
 - △ Family, Friends and Neighbor caregiver supports
 - △ Culturally Relevant Parent Support and Education

- ❑ How do we know what parents want us to do?
 - △ Parent needs assessment
 - △ Parent Advisory Group

- ❑ Other Division work
 - △ Collective Bargaining Agreement



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Systems, Partnership, and Collaboration

Claudia Shanley
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Systems, Partnership, and Collaboration

❑ Lead in setting up enduring, comprehensive, and interconnected early learning system

- 👉 Local partnerships
- 👉 professional development
- 👉 early literacy

❑ Strengthen collaboration with other public agencies

- 👉 Align resources
- 👉 Develop shared responsibility
- 👉 Streamline work to benefit children and families



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Child Care Licensing

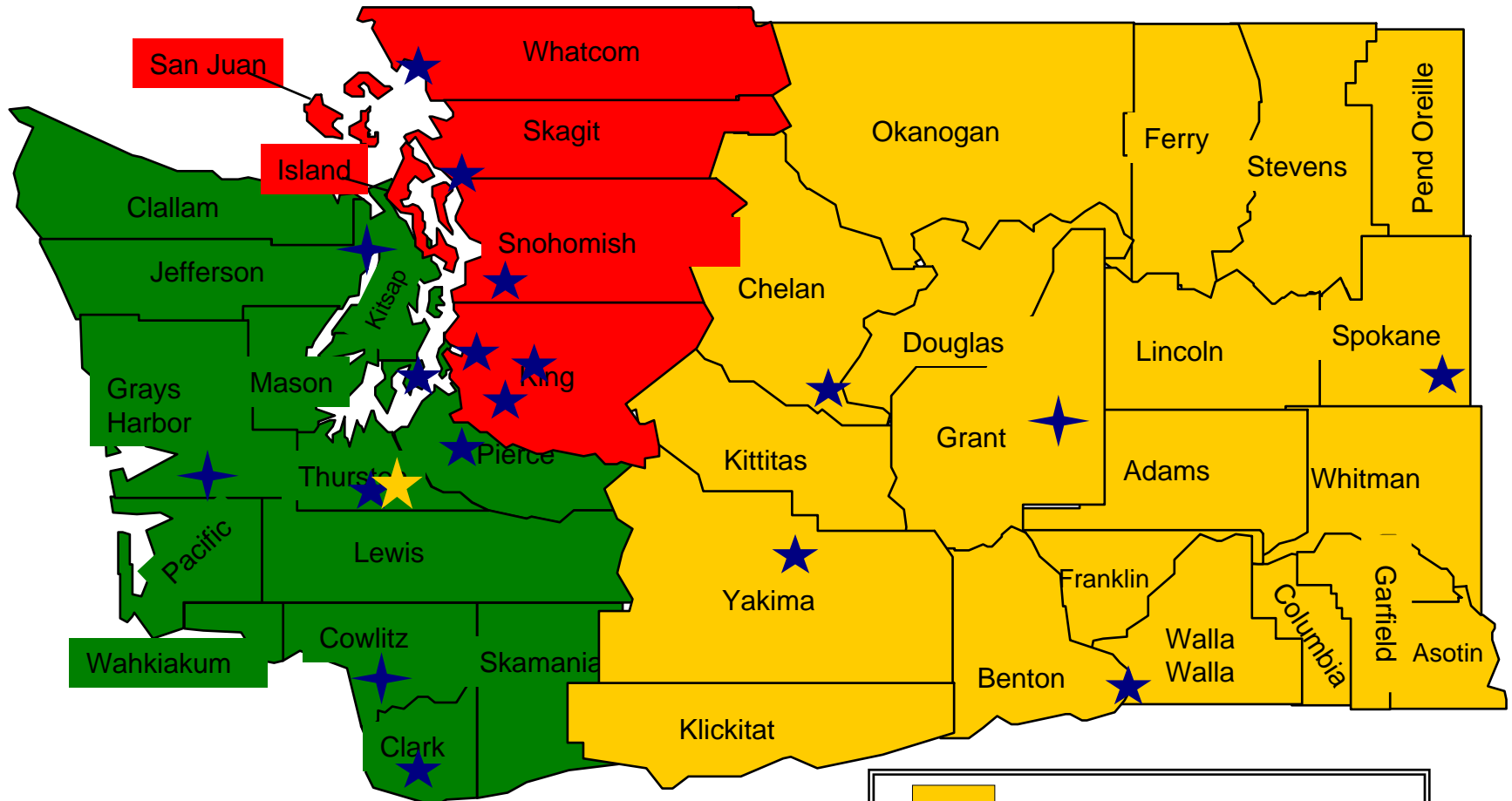
Joshua Verville




Southwest Service Area Manager



Child Care Licensing

- ❑ 128 licensing staff
- ❑ 7494 active child care licenses
 - △ 2,090 child care centers & school age programs
 - △ 5,404 child care family homes
- ❑ 174,000 child slots



	Eastern Service Area
	Northwest Service Area
	Southwest Service Area

Child Care Licensing

- ▣ What do licensors do?
 - ▣ Provide technical assistance & training
 - ▣ Monitor compliance with standards
 - ▣ Assess complaints
 - ▣ Take licensing action



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Strategic Planning- Next Steps