Our Values and Beliefs:

- Evidence-based health and safety best practices are critical to a child’s development and learning.
- Health and safety concerns should be resolved using the expertise of health professionals with experience in early childhood education.
- Young children deserve the best quality of care in a positive early learning setting.
- Quality training in health and safety issues is an important means to improve quality of care.
- Caregivers should have access to information and guidance from health and safety professionals in order to promote best quality care.

We welcome your interest.

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Welcome to the Coalition for Safety and Health in Early Learning, Washington State

Our Mission: To develop, promote, and advocate for quality child health and safety in early learning settings in Washington State.
The Washington State Coalition for Safety and Health in Early Learning, (CSHEL), has a strong foundation, having been in existence for more than 15 years. It is built on the premise that:

- Every child deserves the best care possible.
- Every caregiver deserves to have access to timely, accurate, and evidence-based health and safety information.
- Advocacy can affect policy change in the areas of health and safety for all children in Washington State.

Over the years CSHEL has worked on many projects geared toward improving the health and safety of children in early learning settings.

- Coordination of statewide conferences with Healthy Child Care Washington and HeadStart.
- Development of position papers on mental health, medication management, food and water safety, and other topics in early learning settings.
- Review and production of health related materials.
- Assistance with the development and review of rules and regulations governing child care and early learning settings.
- Distribution of current and changing health and safety information through an e-mail distribution list.
- Collaboration with other groups to develop consistent core policies and messages for use by early learning health and safety professionals and others.

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CSHEL AND IT’S PARTNERS ARE WORKING TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN.