

Eatonville, Ashford & Elbe
Parents & Students In Action



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RURAL “YOUTH & FAMILY”

Agency

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH & FAMILIES

Please share this newsletter with a friend. We want to connect all agencies and individuals within our community to form a working partnership for our youth. The opinions expressed in this newsletter are solely those of PSIA.

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Through the Years With PSIA

— Through Family Photos —

As they Celebrate 12 Years of Serving Youth & Families



First Family Photo taken around 1989. Youth are proud of their first PSIA t-shirts.



1993, KOMO-4 invites PSIA to be their guest during one of their showings. How excited this was for us!



In 1991, PSIA involves Community in building a 700 foot long drug/alcohol free chain. Chain held the signatures of over 2,000 individuals.



1993, Family Christmas Bingo/Auction.



1993, Family Celebration with 300 in attendance.



1997, Ashford/Elbe Youth enjoying games with Pierce County Park & Rec. during PSIA Friday night program.



Youth and Senior Citizens playing games.



Teens helping Jr. PSIA kids.



1997, PISA Youth go to Olympia.

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Serving Southeast Pierce County
Since 1988

Mission Statement

Promote a positive and ethical environment in the greater Eatonville area, including Ashford and Elbe. We will accomplish this by networking with the Community and through providing wholesome Family Activities, Education and Responsibilities to all rural youth.

Programs Offered

Family Nights
Teen Activities
Community Service, Teen Employment
Summer Lunch & Youth Activities
Jr. PSIA (grades K-5th)

Directors

Bob Schaub
Virginia Woolf
Madora Dawkins
Pat Hamilton
Robin Evans-Agnew
Reverand George Lockwood

Teen Board

Mary McCurdy, President
Jake Kidd, Vice-President
Ty Dawley, Secretary
Alex Cook, Treasurer
Laurie Rush and Laurel Lambert

Staff

Administration & Direct Service
Director, Linda Estby
Administrative Assistant, Ilse Trujillo

Program Advisor

DiAnn Carney

Youth Activities

Jani Thiel, Mark Thiel, Buddy Craun,
Wendy Peterson, Don Jacobs,
Kathy Bowman and
Volunteer Jack Donnelly

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Director's Comments....

by Linda Estby



On April 28th, PSIA will be celebrating their 12th year in providing youth and family services in Southeast Pierce County. Who would ever have thought that just a handful of concerned parents and "kids" would make such a "Difference"?

I was hoping they would! I was going to start something for the kids — didn't know what — then step out within one year. Well, you can see that didn't happen!

March already! Let me share with you some of the things that happened in January and February. Friday nights are really booming around here, with youth participation on an increase. We are seeing an increase in family attendance during our family dinners, too. Lots of positive family interaction, and new families, too.

It is so much fun to see the families interacting, especially with the teens. The teens have been taking turns reading stories to the younger youth. They all sit around while the story is being read. Everyone is having a good time.

In the small room, we have what we call the "Kitchen Table". Here, we play games, do crafts and wait to see who comes to see us. Within a few minutes, youth of all ages, including the teens, pull up a chair and sit down with us. Sometimes they just want to visit. This is an excellent time for youth to feel a part of a family, by just being accepted.

On the same night, at the Eatonville Elementary School, you will find staff person Don Jacobs shooting hoops with the teens. There are a lot of youth activities going on in Eatonville on Friday nights. It is all thanks to our funders and to you....the SUPPORTERS that we count on.

The teens are becoming more active in the ownership of their program. They meet twice a month to discuss program activities. The first meeting is with the Teen Board and then we have a general meeting that includes all teens.

The first Friday night of the month, youth will perform Community Service Projects. This month through a request from one of our supporters, youth cleaned around the post office and library.

PSIA is your "Community Youth Making a Difference". When called upon by the community they continue to respond. These youth are great — come check us out.

Until next time....I continue to enjoy working with your youth — living in Southeast Pierce County.

— Linda Estby
Founding Director



Jr. PSIA Representatives from Columbia Crest and Eatonville Elementary Schools attend "Prevention Team Youth Conference" at Pacific Lutheran University. Not in order: Heather Peterson, Corey Holt, Laura Hicks, Nancy McDowell, Trevor Rolfe, Amanda Schuchman, Dani Carlman, Brooks Robbins and Linda Estby, Director. Kathy Bowman not pictured.

Community Center Youth/Family Schedule

**Friday Nights
6:00–8:00 P.M.**

All Ages

*With or Without Parents
(Parent Participation Welcomed)*

Co-Operative Play Games

Volley Ball • Pickle Ball • Air Hockey • Foosball
• Pool • Table Games • Bingo • Crafts • Snacks

Free! Family Dinner
(4th Friday of the Month)

March 24th: Rice Casserole

April 28th: Spaghetti

For more information call us at: (360) 832-8336

PSIA General Teen Meetings

Opened to All Youth

March 10th and April 14th at 8:00 p.m., held at the Community Center. We need input from all teens, so please plan on attending this very informative “General Teen Meeting”.

We plan youth activities like dances, field trips, community service projects and fund raisers. You are important to us and we want your input.

**See you Friday,
March 10th & April 14th!**

PSIA Teen Board....Working Hard

The teens have been working hard at setting up committees this month. This will allow for more youth to be involved in the program. A point system is being set up for youth performing Community Service Work. Points will go towards field trips.

The teens are gearing up for their annual election of officers to be held on Thursday, April 6th, at 6:00 p.m. all offices are opened for elections. Offices include, President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. Six teens sit on the Board, and each must be in good standing in the community. There are job descriptions for each office.

The teens are planning on holding a monthly teen dance. This will be a fund raiser for the teens. Lauri Rush is Chairperson for the activity.

When the Teen Board makes decisions they need to also include ideas for the smaller youth and for families.

The Teens Say Thank You....

...to **BOB SCHAUB** and **JOHN CARNEY** for helping with the Christmas tree recycle.



Staff person, Mark Thiel, caught in a game during Friday Night Activities.

Teen Committees

Community Service Projects Alex Cook
Fund Raisers Joe Dart
Field Trips Joe Dart & Jake Olson
Pigs & Punks Games Ty Dawley
Teen Dances Laurie Rush
Scrapbook Laurie Rush

Still need teens for the following committees:

Membership

Telephone

Visit PSIA's
Webpage at
<http://i.am/psia>

OPEN TO EVERYONE

— Friday Night Activities —

MARCH ACTIVITIES

3rd Community Service
10th Game Time
17th Craft Projects
24th Family Dinner
31st CLOSED

APRIL ACTIVITIES

1st CLOSED
7th Community Service
14th Game Time
21st Craft Projects
28th Family Dinner & PSIA
Birthday Party



We Invite YOU to Attend the
**9th Annual
 Awards Ceremony**
March 10th — 6:00 P.M.

Eatonville Community Center

“CELEBRATING VOLUNTEERISM”

Each year PSIA “Celebrates Volunteerism” through the awards Ceremony. It is our way of saying “Thank You” to the many supporters of this organization.

Awards to be given out that night include:

- Community Service Award
- Community Organization Award
- Volunteer Award
- Most Improved
- Special Person Award
- Felicity Morris Children’s Advocate Award
- Leadership Award
- Appreciation Award

Refreshments following the ceremony.



Ty Dawley, Alex Cook, Mary McCurdy and others discussing agenda and program needs.

STAFF CAR WASH

Back by popular demand!



Saturday, April 1st • 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Come meet the Staff that work with the community youth.

Donations help to defray the cost of office supplies.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
 PSIA**

For being 12 years old!



You are a SUCCESS in all that you do for youth and families in Southeast Pierce County.

Come celebrate with us on

**April 28th
 7:00 p.m.**

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