

YVSPC NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME TO YVSPC!

We're excited to kick off YVSPC's first year and welcome our inaugural cohort of interns! Together with our district and university partners, we're creating a supportive, collaborative internship experience while helping grow the next generation of school psychologists in our region.



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What's Happening this Month?



- *Advisory Board* : 9/9
- *Professional Learning Community*: 9/11
- *Sped Law Conference*: 9/21-23
- **Sign up for the 27/28 Interest Survey-Now!**



The Toolbox

- **2x10 Strategy** — 2 minutes x 10 days; student chooses the topic.
- **Conversation Starters** — Keep a few questions handy.
- **Student/Teacher Connections**

"Kids don't learn from people they don't like."

—Rita Pierson, TED Talk

District Partners

- Grandview
- Sunnyside
- Wapato
- Ephrata

University Partners

- Central Washington University
- Eastern Washington University
- Seattle University

Tip of the Month!

Use Student Friendly Language

Instead of: "We're conducting an evaluation"

Try: "We're going to learn more about how school is going for you, what you're good at, and what might help you at school."

Q: *What is one thing you can do this month to help a student feel more connected at school?*

Mental Health Corner

Building Student Connections

- Learn students' names
- Ask about their interests
- Connect before correcting
- Listen without judgment
- Validate their feelings
- Celebrate their strengths
- Make time for brief, positive check-ins
- Be consistent

