

I've worked for Head Start of Yamhill County for almost 20 years. I'm also a past HSYC parent who appreciates the positive impact I had. I learned new, positive parenting techniques and how to "play" with my children. I had my first child at 18. And to be honest, I didn't have a positive childhood experience or a role model on "how to be" as a loving, caring mother. I did my best, with the tools I had. I have 3 children and my 2 youngest were able to attend HSYC. My teachers and home visitors opened my eyes to a whole, new world and understanding of child development and positive parenting practices.

As a grandparent, it's inspiring and I'm grateful to see my children parent my grandchildren in a positive manner that I KNOW is due to my experience in Head Start. HSYC has impacted change in my family for, hopefully, generations to come.

Please support early childhood investments. My family is a living testimony of early childhood investment dollars being used to impact future generations.