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WHAT'S HAPPENING:	<i>Lap Map for Reading</i>
WHEN:	Tuesday, November 15 10:00-11:00 AM
WHERE:	Sunnyside Library, 621 Grant, Sunnyside
WHO FOR:	The parents and care providers of children 0 to 5 years of age
WHY:	To improve the skills needed to successfully read to preschool children for school readiness and to increase the fun of reading time!

Circle of Success Inc® Present Lap Map for Reading for Preschool Parents *Circle of Success Teams with Yakima Valley Regional Library for Early Education Parent Meetings*

Circle of Success, Inc. invites the parents of preschool children to a ***Lap Map for Reading*** program that will take place from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Sunnyside Library. This informational program is being held for parents, grandparents, and child care providers. Participants are encouraged to bring their preschool children to the meeting. The Sunnyside Library is located at 621 Grant in Sunnyside. The ***Lap Map for Reading*** program lasts for one hour and will be available in English and Spanish. Refreshments will follow the program.

“ONE MORE TIME” – is the greatest compliment a reader for little ones can receive! Parents and families will receive information on the learning development of preschool children and on how to successfully read to little children. Circle of Success coordinator, Kim Pualani and Yakima Valley Regional Library librarian Clara Eustis will facilitate the program. Circle of Success outreach workers will provide additional information and resources. Parents will learn that the repetition of favorite stories is one learning method for little children and “One more time” means learning is occurring!

“I WANNA NEW BOOK!” The parents who attend will have the opportunity to register for the ***Let's Read*** program which includes the Dolly Parton ***Imagination Library*** book club. Materials will be provided and participants only need to bring their children, a comfortable lap and a desire to expand their oral reading skills!

“EVEN THE BABIES??” Kyle Snow, director of research programs in early learning and school readiness at the National Institute for Child Health and Human Development states, “Even in infancy, kids are already learning to recognize speech sounds and differentiate between symbols, skills necessary for reading,” Kearsley, Associated Press, *Lawmakers Put Money on Early Reading*, April 18, 2005. And Boyer states, “Just as a child develops language skills long before being able to speak, the child also develops literacy skills long before being able to read.” Boyer, *Start Early, Finish Strong*, Department of Education publication, National Research Council report, 1991. Yes, please bring your babies!

This is the second *Lap Map for Reading* information program and there will be other workshops provided throughout the county in future months. However, parents do not have to wait for these public programs to receive information on child learning development and early reading. Simple call the Circle of Success office at 469-9888 or toll free 1.888.973.7323 (READ) to contribute or to request information on early learning, Motherread/Fatheread workshops, a home visit or parent support groups. We support parents as a child’s first teacher and the home as the child’s first classroom.

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Circle of Success, Inc is a private, nonprofit 501-c-3 partnership of community organizations that empowers parents to prepare their children to enter school ready to learn. The Circle of Success recruits and trains AmeriCorps volunteers and prepares college students to work as outreach workers, parent club facilitators and to provide home based learning support in order to connect parents to community resources and learning experiences throughout Yakima County.