

# New faces in Early Childhood Services

NEWESD 101's Center for Early Childhood Services recently welcomed two new coordinators to the department.



**Bobbi Cobb**, left, is excited to continue her more than 20 years of experience as an instructor and mentor in child development as the Birth to Three Quality Initiatives Coach and Shared Services Coordinator. In these dual roles, she provides onsite mentoring, weekly visits and professional development to early learning teachers with goals of improving quality for children, teachers and families in local childcare centers.

Cobb, a Ferris High School graduate and Eastern Washington University alumna, holds a master's degree in Early Childhood Education and a Washington Association of Infant Mental Health endorsement.

Through previous work for Blueprints for Learning – a local nonprofit, community-based organization – Cobb instructed and mentored nearly 300 childcare teachers in a 48-weeklong Childcare Development Associate (CDA) program and facilitated a Film Interactions to Nurture Development (FIND) video coaching program for families.

Off the clock, Cobb is a fan of rock tumbling and rock music (specifically Korn and Breaking Benjamin), gardening and being a mom to three kids.

As the P-3 Early Learning/ELL Professional Development Coordinator, **Kristin Monson**, right, serves northeast Washington districts to support Pre-kindergarten through third grade and English-language learners in building solid cognitive and social foundations to foster future learning success and encourage educators in exploring different understandings of education.



After graduating from Shadle Park High School, Monson earned a degree from Eastern Washington University in Elementary Education/minor in Early Learning and left Spokane to seek adventure in Anchorage, Alaska.

It was in Alaska where her passion for early learning blossomed. For 11 years, she worked with a family learning network and taught in the same Title I school – her positions varying from preschool, kindergarten to first grade teacher. Music is what ultimately led Monson back to Spokane. She and her husband, Ryan, a base player for the Alt-Pop band, Lavoy, returned to the Lilac City – a location apt for music opportunities.

Prior to joining NEWESD 101, Monson served as an ECEAP education specialist and coach for Community Colleges of Spokane. She holds a Practice-Based Coaching certificate from the University of Washington and recently earned her master's degree in Educational Leadership from Washington State University. – *Tracy Poindexter-Canton*

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