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## Press Release

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### ***Now enrolling! Parent-Child Home Program Gives Vulnerable Children a Path to School Success***

*Children's Home Society of Washington to serve 72 more families in King County*

**Seattle – August 31, 2011** – Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW) will be serving 72 more families through the Parent-Child Home Program. Funded by United Way of King County, Parent-Child is a national home visiting program that will be replicated in King County to work with families with children 16-24 months to increase school readiness. CHSW will be focusing on refugee and immigrant families.

"We are thrilled to be able to add such a high-quality program with proven results to our network of care," states Sharon Osborne, President/CEO. "There are too many children in King County at-risk of not being ready for school. This program will make a major impact in preparing children for success in school, and in life."

#### **FAST FACTS:**

- More than half of Washington's children are not ready to succeed when they enter school.
- Nationally, 85% of families participating in the program have a household income below \$25,000 and more than 90% are people of color.
- Parent-Child is a research-based early literacy program with proven success; results have shown that participation increases high school graduation rates to those of higher-income students as well as builds the "protective factors" in families that are shown to reduce the incidence of abuse.
- Home visitors coach parents by modeling behaviors that stimulate early learning.
- Parents meet with home visitors twice a week for thirty minutes over a two-year time period and bring an interactional toy or an educational book each week for 23 weeks. The program is FREE.

Enrollment is ongoing. If interested, call Toll Free 1-855-972-4663.

#### About Children's Home Society of Washington

Children's Home Society of Washington (CHSW) is Washington's largest statewide non-profit children's organization, serving over 39,000 children and their families through early learning, adoption, foster care, family support, child and family counseling, and advocacy programs. CHSW's mission is to develop healthy children, create strong families, build engaged communities, and speak and advocate for children. To learn more, visit [childrenshomesociety.org](http://childrenshomesociety.org).