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# **EVERETT PUBLIC SCHOOLS NATURAL LEADERS**

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*"Family-centered, family-led program that serves the unique needs of each school community."*



# ABOUT US

## Who are Natural Leaders?

Natural Leaders are multi-cultural parents and family members that serve as a bridge between families, community, and students.

## Why are they needed?

Natural Leaders represent the diversity of their school communities. Honoring their experiences and listening to their voice ensures more equity and access for all students.

## What do they do?

- Serve as multi-cultural bridges between schools, students, and families
- Create events families want
- Become change leaders equipped with knowledge and skills to uplift themselves and their community

## Strategies for Success:

- The Natural Leaders Program is driven by the needs of the community and their families.
- Each school community has different needs and trends.
- Natural Leaders meet regularly to discuss the needs of families at their schools and think of ideas that would support families based on those discussions.



## OUR PROGRAM

The Natural Leaders Program has been growing for sixteen years and was developed by WABS in 2003 with parents in Shoreline, Everett, Edmonds, Mukilteo, and Northshore schools with funding from an OSPI Readiness to Learn grant.

The WABS Natural Leaders Program uses an asset-based model to help families identify and cultivate the skills necessary to help overcome systemic barriers.

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