

Leading Learning Award



Mitch Smith



Bob Rouse

"I would like to nominate Bob Rouse and Mitch Smith for going above and beyond each day for staff and visitors at the ESC building. No matter what situation arises, Bob and Mitch are always available to lend a helping hand and make everyone feel welcomed and supported at Kent ISD. They take "all other duties as assigned" to a whole other level and we are so thankful for their dedication to supporting our staff and stakeholders."



Laurel Minard

"Laurel has worked for Great Start to Quality for the past 11+ years. During her time with us, she has been a champion for early childhood, working extremely hard to ensure licensed childcare providers are recognized for their efforts and are given the resources and supports they need. Laurel has formed so many strong, positive relationships with the childcare programs she has provided coaching services to. In the early childhood community, Laurel is well known and loved for her early childhood knowledge and commitment to the providers and families. When we attend community events, we ALWAYS get providers and families telling us they know and LOVE Laurel! Many of them share personal stories of how Laurel has supported their early childhood business or children with her teaching and/or coaching."