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Regional Coalition Updates

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First 5 FUNdamentals of Pierce County

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- On December 8th, Project Child Success hosted the annual Pierce County WaKIDS convening titled “Working Together for Children’s Success”. The event was an opportunity for all school districts in Pierce County and early learning providers to gather, learn, reflect and discover together. This year’s topic was social emotional development. Participants learned about Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and strategies to build resiliency in families and communities. Nearly 60 people from across 9 school districts participated.
- In December, First 5 FUNdamentals received a grant from the MultiCare Foundation to incorporate Ready Set Go! 5210 into Project Child Success. Ready, Set, Go! 5210 is a community-based initiative to promote healthy lifestyle choices for children, youth and families. The 5210 stands for: 5 or more fruits and vegetables per day, 2 hours or less of recreational screen time, 1 hour or more of physical activities, and 0 sugary beverages. In 2016, Project Child Success will promote 5210 messaging and activities throughout Pierce County.
- In December, Project Child Success was awarded the 2016 Thrive Community Momentum grant in the amount of \$95,000 plus an additional \$45,000 in funding for the 2016 Systems Navigation Grant. The Systems Navigation Grant will focus on creating an asset map of Birth to 3 services in Pierce County. The map will include information about existing services and identify gaps or barriers families face in accessing services.

Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance, Northeast

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- Our Standards Alignment Conversation was held on December 9, with meetings in Spokane, Pullman and Valley (Stevens County). The event went very smoothly with great discussions and input from a diverse group of early learning providers.
- The ECEAP Pathways Pilot between Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington and Child Care Aware in Vancouver has held two advisory board meetings as well as focus groups to inform the next steps in developing the training modules.
- Our region recently completed a Home Visiting Regional Assessment that was conducted by Spokane Regional Health District. The results as well as recommendations for consideration were shared with the Alliance’s Quarterly Community meeting.
- We will also be hosting a Public Comment Forum site via K-20 for the CCDF plan.

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Investing in Children: Coalition Central

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- We are searching for new coalition coordinator. Yakima Valley Community Foundation has provided funds in addition to Thrive CMG funding to hire a full-time coalition coordinator that will lead early learning and education initiatives.
<http://www.yakimavalleycf.org/bAboutbtheFoundation/EmploymentOpportunities.aspx>
- The coalition's primary focuses for 2016 are to develop a shared agenda/5-year plan and host an advocacy and awareness luncheon for our business community and policy makers.

North Central

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- Family Engagement; Distributed 1200 books in December to children and families throughout Chelan, Douglas and Okanogan counties (grant received from Molina Foundation) in outreach activities to encourage children to become lifelong readers and parents to assist their children with their developmental and educational goals
- Identified community partners (Confluence Health Foundation Wade Family Literacy Endowment, North Central Regional Library, Molina Healthcare Foundation, Chelan Douglas Health District) currently engaging in literacy efforts throughout the region. Proposed gathering to identify current resources, compliment or align services and explore expansion opportunities.
- Review of 2016 Action Plan goals and action items; state-wide meeting and advocacy Day preparation; first meeting of 2016 on January 19th; Member Governance Guiding Documents review, revision and creation; Merger of coalitions proposal CFCAF/NCELC; Data collection implementation (MOU, WEAVE training, protocol).

Northwest

No updates to share at this time.

Olympic-Kitsap Peninsulas

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- In November 2015 our coalition was awarded \$100,000 through the Satterberg Foundation. This funding opportunity will work to build local and regional capacity to improve Kindergarten readiness with a focus on using community-based approaches and promoting racial, ethnic, and economic equity.
- In December 2015 our coalition was awarded \$90,000 through the Thrive Washington Community Momentum Grant.
- In November 2015 the Infant and Toddler Child Care Consultation Educational Consultants were trained in the Filming Interactions to Nurture Development Model through the University of Oregon. They will begin implementation of this model this month.

SOAR, King County

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- Harla Tumbleson has been serving as SOAR's interim director since April 2015. We are very excited to announce that Paula Steinke has accepted this position and will begin her tenure as the new SOAR Director on January 19th 2016. Paula worked as the Community Engagement Manager at Child Care Resources. She has a strong background in early learning and community work, has been a long-time SOAR partner, and is deeply involved in collective

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action and social justice initiatives. She brings a strong commitment to children, youth and families, and is well-connected within the systems and communities in which SOAR does its work.

Southeast

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- We are just kicking off our new year under the 2016 Community Momentum grant but are kicking of the year with a parent now on our Early Learning Regional Coalition, advocacy and legislative efforts and the scheduling of new DEL convening's in February, Dinner and Dialogue events in our local coalitions and Ready for Kindergarten and early numeracy trainings throughout our region.
- The Walla Walla Early Learning Coalition and Walla Walla Public School have conditional plans for a Phase II Trauma Smart implementation for local kindergartens (a grant proposal has been submitted for this).
- The Walla Walla Early Learning Coalition is trying to put together funding for a program we're calling Parenting Partners which would train community members who already serve families to become child and family service referral experts.
- The Walla Walla Early Learning Coalition Leadership Team (including legislators) Early Learning "Tour" opportunity is being planned for Feb. or March.

Southwest Washington Early Learning (SWEL)

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- Our coalition has made some huge leaps in our advancing equity work for 2016. We have integrated the equity work throughout our action plan and are focusing on addressing the opportunity gap for Latino children and their families. We are excited about these changes and also recognize that we may create some tension as we challenge some of our traditional systems and ways of doing things. We believe this is very positive for our coalition and more importantly for the children and families we serve.
- We are thrilled and honored to have our Birth to Three Systems Navigation proposal funded. This proposal was aligned very closely to our Community Momentum proposal but will allow us to deepen our approach and to learn more about what system changes need to occur to close the opportunity gap for Latino children and families in our region that will also benefit our partners around the state.
- We have had some staffing changes as well. Lindsay Newcomer's last day with our coalition was November 30, 2015. Debbie Ham will be assuming the responsibilities of our regional coalition coordinator.

Visions for Early Learning, West Central

No updates to share at this time.