

Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)

Feedback Loop

February 2, 2016

ELAC Recommendations/Input and Decisions Made/Status
<p>Department of Early Learning (DEL) Organizational Structure</p>
<p>As a follow up to the December ELAC meeting request to describe DEL’s organizational structure and staff roles, we wanted to share DEL’s Organization Chart. The chart includes DEL’s Leadership along with the programs and initiatives in their division or team. The full list of DEL staff and their contact information can be found on the DEL website: http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/communications/StaffDirectoryAllDelReport1615.pdf</p>
<p>Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) Plan</p>
<p><u>Status Update</u> – DEL has completed a draft of the 2016-2018 CCDF plan with input from ELAC, the Indian Policy Early Learning Committee (IPEL) and the CCDF Steering Committee incorporated. The Public Commentary Forum on January 28 from 4:30-7:30pm at K-20 sites around the state will be an additional opportunity to gather community input.</p>
<p>Birth – Three Subcommittee</p>
<p><u>Status Update</u> – The Birth to Three Subcommittee of ELAC met on December 18, 2015 to discuss DEL’s goal of getting 90% of children we serve kindergarten ready by 2020, with race eliminated as a predictor of success and how to design a birth to three system that supports meeting that goal. DEL shared and gathered initial input on the proposed approach to the birth to three system design project. For more information, visit the Birth – Three Subcommittee page here: http://del.wa.gov/partnerships/elac/birthtothree.aspx</p>
<p>Early Achievers Review Subcommittee (EARS)</p>
<p><u>Status Update</u> – The Early Start Act Annual Progress Report was submitted to the Legislature is posted on the Early Start Act webpage along with the Executive Summary and Overview. The subcommittee met on January 21, 2015 to brainstorm methods to reduce barriers to Early Achievers participation. For more information, visit the EARS page here: http://del.wa.gov/partnerships/elac/earlyachievers.aspx</p>
<p>Advancing Racial Equity</p>
<p>Based on input we received after the October ELAC meeting, ELAC will vote to adopt the updated Racial Equity Implementation Plan and establish a standing Racial Equity Work Group to support implementation efforts at the February 2, 2016 meeting.</p>