

Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)

Feedback Loop

April 7, 2015

ELAC Recommendations/Input and Decisions Made/Status

2015 ELAC Work Plan

ELAC voted electronically to adopt the 2015 Work Plan. The plan reflects changes made based on the input received during the December ELAC meeting and comment period. ELAC received the *ELAC Work Plan Input & Response table*, which captures DEL and the Executive Committee's responses to feedback and how input was incorporated into the Work Plan.

Child Care Development Fund Plan

Lois Martin and Bianca Bailey will serve as ELAC liaisons on the CCDF Plan Steering Committee that will meet for the first time on April 2nd. DEL will be using the ideas and feedback gathered during the March 16th special meeting to inform the CCDF implementation plan and will continue to accept questions and input sent to elac@del.wa.gov.

Advancing Racial Equity

Status Update

Jen Ross, Lois Martin, Wilanne Ollila-Perry, Bianca Bailey, Nancy Spurgeon and Caitlin Jensen participated in a work group to take the ideas generated during the Advancing Racial Equity discussion at February 3rd ELAC meeting and shape them into a draft framework and implementation plan for ELAC's consideration. Maggie McGlynn from the BUILD initiative is drafting an agenda and process for the group to respond to and shape.

Preschool Expansion

Status Update – Jennifer Jennings-Shaffer and Bianca Bailey are participating in the Preschool Operational Work Group (POWG) as liaisons to ELAC.

Jan. 23 in Kent

The Preschool Operation Work Group convened on Jan. 23 in Kent, Washington. The group heard from the following curricula vendors: Opening the World of Learning (OWL), Incredible Years, Promoting Alternative Thinking Strategies (PATHS) and Building Blocks. They received information on the Family Support Survey, filled out by ECEAP Contractors and Head Start Grantees, as well as family support staff. The Work Group discussed Implementation Trajectories for curricula and differentiated family support. The trajectories outline resources needed from DEL and at the contractor level to implement research-based curricula and family support models with fidelity.

March 24 in Vancouver

The Preschool Operation Work Group convened on March 24 in Vancouver, Washington. DEL will move forward with two foundational curricula in the 2015-16 school year: Creative Curriculum, 5th Edition and High Scope. The Preschool Operational Work Group discussed parent conversation themes, lessons learned from implementing Full School Day and Extended Day models, guiding questions and resources for selection of curricula and alternative curricula. DEL provided a refresher on the Crittenton Mobility Mentoring Model (one model for differentiated family support) and introduced the Family Development Matrix (FDM). The FDM provides tools and indicators developed from a database of core indicators with identified interventions and resources for families, customized by local sites to meet their needs. Next steps for DEL include finalizing the menu of curricula resources for the 2015-16 school year and outlining next steps for the differentiated family support pilot.

Shared Services

Status Update

The Early Achievers Resource Alliances effort is on a brief pause until some decisions are made on the details of the work. This includes postponing the Request for Proposal release date, originally scheduled for early March and

meetings of the subcommittee related to the EA Alliances.

Supporting Infants and Toddlers

Status Update

DEL has agreed to establish a standing Birth -3 subcommittee of ELAC. The Infant/Toddler Work Group (Caitlin Jensen, Rebecca Timmen, Enrica Hampton, Anne Messerly, Karen Walker, Rhodes Lockwood, Adrienne Dorf, Roxanne Garzon, Judy King, Veronica Santangelo, Laura Alfani and Greg Williamson) will meet on April 28th to plan next steps, including the criteria, recruitment and support for the subcommittee chair and membership.

Family Partnerships & Engagement

Status Update

DEL, in partnership with Thrive Washington, convened a meeting with members of the Early Learning Regional Coalitions and parents on February 27 in SeaTac. The group met and had conversations about how to engage family voice based on the strengths and needs of communities, heard from a panel of professional parent engagement folks and provided feedback on next steps with the agency's Parent Advisory Group and engagement strategies.