

## **DEL is accepting applications for vacancies on the Early Learning Advisory Council**

The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is filling two vacant seats on the Washington Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) and is accepting applications from qualified and interested individuals. The open seats will represent the following:

- **A Family Home Child Care provider**
- **A Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant/Seasonal Head Start or Tribal Head Start Program representative.**

These governor-appointed seats are two-year positions and will be effective upon appointment.

### ABOUT ELAC

ELAC is an advisory body to the Department of Early Learning and was created by the Legislature in 2007. The Council plays a pivotal role in the early learning system as an advisory body to DEL and serves as a connector among the state, local communities and constituencies across Washington.

ELAC's membership reflects Washington's regional, racial, and cultural diversity and includes parents, child care providers, health/safety experts and legislators, as well as representatives of Tribal Nations, independent schools, the K-12 and higher education systems, and others interested in creating a statewide early learning system that helps all children realize their full potential. [Read more about ELAC and its work.](#)

ELAC representatives from around the state meet regularly to advise and work with DEL to implement the [Washington State Early Learning Plan](#), so that partners can collectively ensure that all children succeed in school and life.

### ELAC MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Members serve two-year terms that expire on June 30<sup>th</sup> of the second year. ELAC meets at least six times per year; generally from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ELAC members are expected to attend the majority of meetings and be prepared to actively participate. Participants in subcommittees or work groups should expect to meet outside of the regular meeting dates.

The open membership seat is an unpaid position, although non-governmental members may be eligible for compensation and reimbursement for travel expenses incurred while carrying out ELAC duties.

## APPLICATION

Interested individuals who can commit to the membership requirements can apply for the open ELAC seats online on the [Governor's website](#) by **July 15, 2015**. Along with your resume, please attach a brief statement that addresses the following:

- Why would you like to serve as a representative on ELAC?
- How did you hear about ELAC and/or who referred you?
- What is your perspective on or approach to providing equitable early learning opportunities?
- What impact do you hope to see ELAC have on early learning in Washington, and how do you want to contribute to that effort?

Please contact [elac@del.wa.gov](mailto:elac@del.wa.gov) with any questions.

Thank you for your interest in contributing to our state's progress toward building an early learning system that meets the needs of all Washington children and families!