



Washington State Department of
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Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) Meeting
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Regional Coalition Updates

Regional Coalition Update

First 5 FUNdamentals of Pierce County

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- In January, First 5 FUNdamentals began implementing the B-3 System Navigation Grant. The purpose is to better understand what services are provided in Pierce County for children and families age 0 – 3 and identify gaps. The goal of the project is to enhance local coordination and identify effective pathways to better reach families furthest from opportunity. Data is being collected through extensive informational interviews and in person meetings. The questions cover several themes including: developmental screening, ACES/resiliency, networking and referral pathways, workforce, language/culture, opportunities, and organization/program information. A summary report is expected to be completed in August of 2016.
- In February, Project Child Success participated in the Early Learning Coalitions Advocacy Day. 14 people from diverse organizations from Pierce County visited with 7 legislative members. During the February Partnership meeting, members of PCS created clocks. The clocks were delivered to the legislative members with the simple message “it’s time to work together for children”.
- Project Child Success partners are currently preparing for the following events happening in April and May:
 - Let the Music Begin – April 11 – Breakfast to celebrate early learning partnerships and kick of the week of the young child.
 - Standards Alignment Meeting – End of April – focus on cultural humility
 - NEAR at home training – May 17 – Asking the ACES question, a training for those working with families.
- Working Together for Children Success: Mid-Year Event – May 14 – A day-long seminar about working with children who have experienced trauma and building resiliency in families. For early learning providers, teachers, and families.

Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance, Northeast

No updates to share at this time.

Investing in Children: Coalition Central

No updates to share at this time.

North Central

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- It has been approved by the Children and Families Coalition of NCW (CFCNCW) and the NC

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Early Learning Collaborative (NCELC) that the Early Learning Sub-Committee of the CFCNCW and the NCELC merge and become one entity. The strategic direction of the CFCNCW focuses on ACES and the Accountable Communities of Health which aligns with many of the goals of the NCELC.

- Receiving member agreements and data sharing agreements from members of the NCELC to start the process of inputting local early learning data into WEAVE/server provided by NCESD.
- NCELC has agreed to be the advisory group for WVC Early Learning Program. Gave input to Math requirements for ECE AAS-T degree, offering more cohorts for ECE Initial Certificates – courses to be offered in Spanish, moving forward with the possible creation of a 100 level technical math class for ECE State Certificate and ATS student. The hope would be to create a math class that would meet the math outcomes for a college level course while also teaching the students how to teach the same math concepts to young children.
- Professional Development opportunities – Move the Embracing Early Childhood Conference from October to early November. Thinking of changing name to potentially attract K and 1st grade teachers. Proposed “Embracing Childhood Conference”. Change from Friday night/all day Saturday (10hrs) to Saturday 5-6 hours; keynote and 3 breakout sessions – STEAM-Early Numeracy, Observation and Assessment-WaKIDS, Administrative Leadership.
- Bi-annual home visitor convening’s. Locations in Omak and Moses Lake. Members in Okanogan and Grant counties will identify need and logistics in each community – tentative summer in Omak, early fall in Moses Lake.
- Chelan/Douglas part of the Project Launch expansion out of Yakima. Working on details of implementation.
- Managing the STARS/Clock Hours part of joint PD. Larger community-trainers/agencies working together to wrap around people’s needs (ACH). PD calendar for region-Collaborative role. Reviewing NAEYC professional development model.

Northwest

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- We launched Pre K-K Transition Report form and instruction dissemination plan for our region to begin on March 1, including new online hub linking to Child Care Aware NW website. EA Coaches and Technical Assistant Specialists will be tutoring EA participants in completing these reports. This is the 5th year the NWEL has had a major focus on the strength of Pre k-k transition reports and the impact it has on our P-3 alignment.
- Generated the guest list for the spring Standards Alignment community forum and a small workgroup planning our regions forum to be held on April 26th.
- Shared Love Talk Play, Getting School Ready and Early Math Brochures with 42 school district administrators.
- Held a 2 - day NWEL Advisory Panel Planning Retreat on San Juan Island in February. Preparing for P-3 School District and PreK partners for spring Dinner and Dialogue events, strategic planning outcomes tracking, Standards Alignment and Cultural Humility discussion.
- Secured funding from United Way of Snohomish County to facilitate PreK-K Dinner & Dialogues in 3 communities. Planning underway for these spring PreK-K convening in each county, 11 events anticipated.
- Participated in Thrive Advocacy day February 19, 2016.
- Planning underway for spring Cultural Humility Dialogue.

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- Whatcom Early Learning Alliance (early learning coalition) held a Town Hall meeting with Director Hunter as presenting guest and included an expert panel of early learning partners within Whatcom County. This was well attended and included an Executive Session with invited leaders prior to the main event.

Olympic-Kitsap Peninsulas

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- An Outreach Worker has been hired under the Satterberg Foundation Funding (Opportunity Plus Grant) and parent outreach has already begun in Forks. It has been decided that the coalition with focus on working with parents in Forks and the North Mason area in the first year of this grant funding.
- We are beginning conversations around the upcoming Spring Community Engagement Standards Alignment meetings. We are discussing potential facilitators, locations, and outreach.
- The date of the 2016 Olympic-Kitsap Peninsulas Home Visiting Summit has been confirmed for Friday October 14th. We are in the process of contacting presenters.
- The Peninsula region is in Wave 1 of the FIND intervention for the Infant and Toddler Child Care Consultation Project. We are currently working with 8 providers in Kitsap, North Mason and Jefferson Counties.

SOAR, King County

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- The King County Early Learning Coalition (KCELC) was invited to represent early learning by serving on the Steering Committee of the Seattle Human Services Coalition. This position was previously held by Child Care Directors Association of Greater Seattle, a member of KCELC, which graciously ceded the seat in the belief that the Coalition would provide representation of the broader early learning system.
- Coalition members attended the Vroom King County Network kick-off event, supporting this parent engagement strategy being led by Devon Love, Vroom Activation Manager at Public Health Seattle & King County.

Southeast

No updates to share at this time.

Southwest Washington Early Learning (SWEL)

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- On February 29th we held our annual WaKIDS convening. We had nearly 100 early childhood and K-12 educators and administrators attend representing every county in our region. Our statewide partners also joined us: DEL – Greg Williamson, OSPI – Gretchen Breunig and Thrive – Dan Torres. Barbara Yasui and Masa DeLara with REACH Center for Multi-Cultural Education offered training on equality versus equity. Our meeting goals were: Review the WaKIDS data through the opportunity gaps lens; explore underlying system barriers that make it more challenging for specific groups of children to be successful; increase knowledge and understanding of racial equity; plan and prioritize action steps for this year that strengthen practices and ensure more children have what they need to be successful.

Visions for Early Learning, West Central

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- Kindergarten Readiness: Continuing regional distribution of Hank and Harriet, a white animated academic vocabulary video, on USB wafer drive and DVD.
- Cultural Humility/Race Equity: May 3rd, 2016 Annual Advancing Racial Equity/Community Engagement Summit will be held in conjunction with our regional childcare licensing Standards Alignment Meeting.
Continued offering of Advancing Racial Equity series in July and August, 2016.
Action Plan mini-grants for graduates of ARE series.
- Family Engagement: Funded Mini-grants for local coalition Family Engagement/Advocacy/STEM projects.
- Home Visiting: Quarterly professional development series and Summer Home Visiting Leadership Institute.
- Advocacy: Raising of America Screening in January, 2016. Touch points with 12 legislators on Thrive Advocacy Day.