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Welcome!

Early Learning Advisory Council Birth to Three Subcommittee



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Overview

- Context
- Getting Started
- Subcommittee Committee Co-chair





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Introductions

Please share your name, role and your hopes for your participation in the subcommittee.





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Birth to 3 Plan

Ready and Successful Children

- ✓ Health and Developmental Wellbeing
- ✓ Home Visiting

Ready and Successful Parents, Families and Caregivers

- ✓ Parents as their children's first and most important teacher
- ✓ Family, Friends and Neighbor Care

Ready and Successful Early Learning Professionals

- ✓ High-quality professionals and environment

Ready and Successful Systems and Communities

- ✓ Child care subsidies that promote parent choice and access to affordable care
- ✓ Infrastructure, Partnerships & Mobilization

Birth to 3 Recommendations

Investments in the B-3 System for 2013 -15

Near-term
(2013-2015)

Longer-term
(2015-2017 and beyond)

**READY AND SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN
(HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL WELLBEING)**
Universal Developmental Screening
(& other items, e.g. ESIT)

Develop an investment option and clarify the approach and its role with regard to Birth to 3 Subcommittee priorities

**READY AND SUCCESSFUL CHILDREN
(HOME VISITING)**
Home Visiting

INVESTMENT: Increase the state investment in the home visiting services account to both maintain and expand quality home visiting services for vulnerable infants and toddlers. This includes assuring that services funded with both federal funds and private matching funds continue after the end of the federal grant period in fiscal year 2016.
STRATEGY: Expand services to reach more eligible families.

**READY AND SUCCESSFUL PARENTS, FAMILIES
AND CAREGIVERS
(PARENTS AS THEIR CHILDREN'S FIRST AND MOST
IMPORTANT TEACHER; FAMILY, FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBOR CARE)***
Parent & Caregiver Supports
(e.g. Reach Out and Read, Kaleidoscope Play
& Learn, & others)

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**READY AND SUCCESSFUL EARLY LEARNING
PROFESSIONALS
(HIGH-QUALITY PROFESSIONALS AND
ENVIRONMENT)**
Infant/Toddler Child Care Consultation
(& other items)

INVESTMENT: Expand the number of child care providers reached through ongoing Infant and Toddler Child Care Consultation quality improvement efforts.
STRATEGY: Improve the quality of licensed child care for infants and toddlers through specialized Infant/Toddler Child Care Consultation.

**READY AND SUCCESSFUL SYSTEMS AND
COMMUNITIES
(INFRASTRUCTURE, PARTNERSHIPS &
MOBILIZATION)**
**Infrastructure: Birth to 3 Program
Evaluation and Data systems**

Support capacity of Birth to 3 Subcommittee; Develop an investment option for Birth to 3 Data and Evaluation that supports quality improvement



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ELAC Recommendations

1. Establish a standing Birth to Three subcommittee of ELAC.
2. Design a system that's easy for families to navigate and transition through services and supports





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ELAC Recommendations

3. Improve the quality, availability and accessibility of infants/toddlers care
4. Identify and make available the continuum of specialized birth-3 services and supports
5. Support broad array of infant/toddler caregivers in communities (FFN)





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Washington Early Learning Partnership Priorities

Strategy #4 “Build Continuum of
Infants and Toddlers Services and
Programs”





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Subcommittee Tasks

1. Develop a vision and goals to implement the B-3 Plan, informed by ELAC recommendations
2. Recommend areas for focused attention and joint efforts for the Washington Early Learning Partnership
3. Leverage and enhance emerging opportunities
4. Provide input and advice on current statewide efforts that impact infants and toddlers



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Approach & Considerations

- Consider the needs of all, some and few
- Use a racial equity lens
- Use a comprehensive systems lens and whole-child approach
- Engage partners and stakeholders
- Consider the existing capacity and resources to act, and also be aspirational
- Make high-impact near and long-term recommendations



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Subcommittee Co-chairs

- Send bio and statement of interest to elac@del.wa.gov by Friday, September 4.





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Next Steps

- Next Meeting: October 1, 2015 in Seattle/Tacoma

