



Washington State Department of
Early Learning

Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) Meeting

October 6th, 2015 – 8:30am to 3:30pm - Radisson Hotel Seattle-Tacoma Airport

Regional Coalition Updates

Regional Coalition Update

Project Child Success (First 5 FUNdamentals of Pierce County)

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- First 5 FUNdamentals recently hired a Parent Engagement Coordinator. The Coordinator will be responsible for working with community partners to implement strategies that engage parents of young children by developing relationships, building strength and resiliency within the family, and promoting individual self-reflection and peer-to-peer learning.
- On September 24, Project Child Success participated in the 2nd Annual Symposium of Our Youngest Citizens. Hundreds of people gathered to discover, listen, learn, and think about childhood as a community value. Susan Barbeau from First 5 FUNdamentals, and Sam Whiting from Thrive Washington, presented on valuing childhood through a commitment to early learning at the state and local level. Photos and video of the event can be viewed at playtacoma.org/symposium.

Inland Northwest Early Learning Alliance, Northeast

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- Young Child Expo & Conference with an Early Childhood Leadership Summit: The purpose of the Summit is to bring together top leaders to discuss and make recommendations to address early childhood issues around education, health care, and access to services critical to children's growth and development.
- STEM grant: We are in the process of putting together STEM kits to go to childcares, early learning centers and libraries. We are also finalizing a free STEM training that should be available to teachers and childcare providers in November. Participants will be able to earn STARS credits for the training.
- INWELA held their Quarterly meeting on September 15th. Sen. Billig provided an overview of the Early Start Act and recommendations on continued advocacy. Vincent Alfonso, Dean of Education at Gonzaga University presented information regarding the upcoming Young Child Expo & Conference. One goal of the Quarterly meeting is to prep people for the pre-conference meeting/leadership summit hosted by GU in advance of the Young Child Expo and Conference.

Investing in Children: Coalition Central

No updates to share at this time.

North Central

No updates to share at this time.

Northwest

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- The State of Children and Families: NW Early Learning Leadership Brunch will take place on

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Thursday, September 24 at McIntyre Hall, Skagit Valley College, Mount Vernon. Keynote by David C. Berliner, Regents' Professor of Education Emeritus at Arizona State University and author of more than 200 published works including *50 Myths and Lies that Threaten America's Public Schools* and *The Manufactured Crisis*, and *Collateral Damage: How High-Stakes Testing Corrupts American Education*.

- Recently we completed a series of 8 Pre K-K Dinner & Dialogue Events throughout the region with 272 Pre K & K teachers, administrators and community partners in attendance. Agenda discussions included updates by county and by region regarding Washington Early Achievers, Kaleidoscope Play & Learn and PreK-K transition documents.
- 1,445 Pre K-K Transition Forms were collected and documented for delivery to school districts in early August.
- Coalition members collected community stories and data from our NWEL partners. Our State of Children and Families Report Publication took place in early September. This year we have incorporated the Racial Equity Theory of Change graphic into the document and expanded our focus on using a racial equity lens.
- Our early numeracy training, pilot took place with Pre K and K teachers in Skagit County beginning fall 2015. Regional team participated in early numeracy planning meeting with OSPI and other partners at Starting Strong. Modules developed will be used in a pilot.
- Partnering with United Way to research and coordinate regional professional development for 0-3 service providers and home visitors.

Olympic-Kitsap Peninsulas

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- Olympic – Kitsap Peninsulas' Home Visiting Summit will be held at the Fort Worden Conference Center in Port Townsend. As of 9/22 there were 79 people registered for the event.
- Through the Coalition and Access to Baby and Child Dentistry Grant our Coalition will support oral health story time sessions and Play and Learn groups across our region serving approximately 700 families this Fall.
- On September 30th 5 Coalition members will attend the Thrive Washington Coalition Statewide Meeting in Spokane. Two members will also attend the Young Child Expo.
- The Coalition continues to support and guide the Infant and Toddler Child Care Consultation project through the Steering Committee. Currently we are serving 23 infant and toddler classrooms in our region. Our two primary consultants will be trained in the FIND intervention for use during consultation with providers next year.

SOAR, King County

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- The SOAR 2015 Summit will be held on Friday, October 9th from 8:00am – 4:00pm at the Renton Community Center. The theme – “Equity in Communities: YOUR Power to Influence.” During the Summit participants will have the opportunity to do the following: Explore equity in their personal and professional lives and their service to the community; Define their sphere of influence; Identify opportunities and strategies for influencing equity; and Network and learn from experts and colleagues committed to influencing equity.

Southeast

Regional Coalition Update

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- Walla Walla Early Learning Coalition convened its Leadership Team & its Advisory Team.
- Trauma Smart is coming to WW this fall.
- Walla Walla Early Learning Coalition will have its “Our Kids, Our Business” luncheon on 10/14/15.
- Walla Walla Children’s Home Society received a grant for home visiting, Parents as Teachers, which will start up this fall!
- Walla Walla leaders are convening an Early Years Task Force which our coalition will be a part of.
- Walla Walla Public Schools is expanding READY! for Kindergarten program to reach more children.
- Walla Walla Family Festival on 10/3/15 (including the Recess Monkeys!).
- The Power of Play early STEM and art program is coming to Walla Walla on October 10th (based on the [Boston Children’s Museum curriculum](#)).
- Grow! Connect! Imagine! program is coming to the Walla Walla Library this fall (Spanish language outreach program for families with young children)
- Walla Walla County is changing its model for Children with Special Healthcare Needs (more programmatic, less individualized).
- Early Learning Conference is actively being planned for Nov. 7th at 3 Rivers Convention Center in Kennewick, WA – targeting early learning professionals, child care providers and parents with a kick-off viewing of Raising of America.
- Regional website and infographic for the Southeast Washington region being developed.
- DEL legislative visit planned for Oct. 1 in the Tri-Cities
- Dinner and Dialogue planned for Oct. 8 in Tri-Cities
- Child Care Providers/Home Providers and DEL joint conference on Oct. 20 in Tri-Cities

Southwest Washington Early Learning (SWEL)

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- Our REACH Racial Equity Training was held on August 29th. It was attended by 25 professionals across the region. The training was very well received and was a good starting point for some conversations that we will continue into the rest of 2015 and 2016.
- Planning is underway for our 2nd annual Home visitor’s conference. This year’s conference will be held on November 13th in Longview, WA in the library. We are seeking securing trainers for 3 sessions: Engagement in home visits and socializations, home visitor safety, and family and parental mental health. This year we plan to have more intentional networking time where home visitors can visit tables and collect resources on other home visiting programs in our region.
- We will be holding a coalition meeting on October 15th to plan for the 2016 year. We are excited to see what the next year brings!

Visions for Early Learning, West Central

No updates to share at this time.