

Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) Early Achievers Review Subcommittee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 17 from 8:30am to 10:00am

Early Achievers Accreditation Approval Model Proposal

- [EARS Accreditation PPT](#)
- [Accreditation and QRIS in Other States Brief](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The goal is to complete the accreditation approval model pilot by April, so the model can be implemented with other accrediting bodies starting in July. • There was concern about working with the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) and not the American Montessori Society (AMS) for the pilot. DEL will look into working with both accrediting bodies or in the reverse order. Dee Hirsch will reach out to Montessori stakeholders to get their preference. • Ensure there is good communication and follow through on the process of developing the model. • Ensure that the approval model looks at the implementation of the accreditations (rigorous observation, coaching, observer training, etc.), not just the policies, standards and protocols on paper. • There was a question about how the process of approving accreditations will align with the standards alignment process and any changes to the existing standards. Will this allow us to zero in on the areas that change practice and improve outcomes for children? What is the cost benefit of putting resources into monitoring versus the activities that improve quality? The University of Washington impact study on Early Achievers may show that some areas are not worth keeping. <p>Should the review subcommittee be from this group or DEL?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start with drawing participants from the subcommittee and ask members to nominate others who can provide key perspectives. • The anticipated time commitment is a meeting every other week through March, but it also depends on how the group wants to divide work.
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact Rachael at rachael.brown-kendal@del.wa.gov if you are interested or would like to nominate someone to participate in the accreditation approval model work group.

Early Achievers Review Subcommittee Charter

Draft the subcommittee objectives, annual deliverables, timeline, meetings, key context and considerations.

- [Draft Subcommittee Charter – Sections A-D](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The subcommittee meeting in January will include time to dig into the UW impact study. • Nicole Rose and Rachael Brown-Kendall will facilitate the meetings on Early Achievers
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	<p>and DEL’s research team will facilitate the meetings to develop the Annual Progress Report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask two to three subcommittee members to volunteer for six months at a time to work with DEL staff on agenda development and meeting follow-up. • Use data to identify key issues, stories from those participating in EA, following the RETOC data idea of thinking more broadly of what data is. • Ensure members are knowledgeable about Early Achievers by providing an orientation to new and existing members. • Subcommittee members should adhere to ELAC commitments, including “representing our constituencies and prioritizing the needs of children and families over our individual organizational interests in our deliberations and in our advice and recommendations.”
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DEL will start scheduling meeting dates for 2016 in-person meetings. • Send additional input on the charter sections to elac@del.wa.gov.

Next Meetings:

- **November 30** from **1 – 2p** to review the final full report
- **December 4** from **11a – 12:30p** to define committee composition, structure and stakeholder engagement
- **December 15** from **2 – 3:30** to discuss and adopt the charter, pending ELAC and DEL approval.

Participants: Lois Martin, Dee Hirsch, Sandy Nelson, Jennifer Jennings-Shaffer, Chris Rosenquist, Deeann Burtch-Puffert, Tiffany Stutesman, Deborah Sioux Lee, DeEtta Simmons, Angelica Gonzalez, Wysteria Oliver, Vy Nguyen, Caroline Shelton, Karen Sampson, Caitlin Jensen, Sidney Traen, Rachael Brown-Kendall, Nicole Rose, Deanna Stewart, Evette Jasper