



Early Learning Program

Puget Sound Educational Service District

Center Director Meeting Notes

April 23, 2015

EL website: www.earlylearningwa.org

PLC Focus – Attendance– PPT

- Directors went immediately into their PLC groups to focus on attendance

Updates – PPT

Training and Meeting calendar – Cheryl Habgood

- The training and meeting calendars were handed out
- One more update to add site support before calendar will be available online
- Anything added to the calendar from this point on, will be optional
- First Aid/CPR classes are optional. Staff can also get training in the community.
- Limited Restraint trainings are optional
- Seminar Series, starting in January, are optional. The specific topics will be added later to give trainers time to decide what will be relevant for next program year.

Online Learning - Cheryl

- Online classes will be moving to a new platform for next year
- Look for more information to come

New Staff Training – Cheryl Habgood

- The bulk of the trainings that new staff are receiving are mainly through the online courses
- The face-to-face trainings are to enhance what they have already learned online
- We are using the concept of “flipped classroom”, learning online and then time to talk more deeply in person on what they have learned online
- If centers have staff who were hired after the new staff training was completed this program year, they would sign up for the new staff training available this fall

Legislative Updates – Luba – PPT, hand-outs

Federal

- How we have operated in early learning is changing and will continue to change going forward
- Our funders are looking for more validation of what we are doing and how we are doing it
- More data driven
- Information being asked of us by OHS, in the past, could take years for them act upon. That is changing. They are demanding more immediate action and more frequent action.
- Education model is moving in the direction that includes pre-school
- We have to get out of our current mind set and start thinking of how we can build a new system that includes pre-school in education
- OHS came up with a final rule for HS/EHS eligibility. We will talk more in-depth about it at the May meeting.



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- Eligibility rules will need to be in place for the 2015-16 program year
- We will need to change our eligibility, Head Start in particular

State

- How can our state pre-school system (ECEAP) become part of the state education system?
- Your voice is needed to help the legislature move in this direction
- The 12-month eligibility has been a 30 year fight in Washington State
- Refer to hand out on Early Start Act 2014
- MERIT – EA systems still has many issues which they are trying hard to address
- There is only one person for the whole state of Washington to handle the MERIT-EA system

Next Meeting:

Thursday, May 14, 2015

9am to 12pm

12pm to 2pm Optional Learning Labs

Cedar/Duwamish/Nisqually rooms