



# Early Learning Program

## Puget Sound Educational Service District

### Center Director Meeting Notes

Dec 11, 2014

EL website: [www.earlylearningwa.org](http://www.earlylearningwa.org)

### Welcome, Introductions -

### PLC Structure -

The norms of collaboration handout was provided as a guidance to the PLC groups prior to the PLC's reviewing the Teaching Strategies GOLD data.

### School Readiness Goals -

- SRG Timeline Handout: Important, summary of full report, contained due dates provided by Leslie K.
- Leadership asked Center Directors to please see their regional Education Coordinators on questions regarding SRG's
- Today in the meeting EL Leadership focused on Program and Site level SRG's, and Center Directors provided input on program level SRG's. It was shared that we are not going to meet our timeline this year for policy council input, but will bring to PC in January.
- Site goals are still due on December 31, 2014. If sites are unable to meet that deadline please contact your regional team, and take the time to do it well and meaningfully.

### Q&A and Comments(C):

- (Q) Is this what I have to do at my site centers? – (A) It is more complicated than that, please work with your regional team to see what working on the goals will look like for your specific site/center and for your staff.
- (Q) Do we have any data/information from survey to see how confident parents feel being a teacher of their child? (A) No. We ask what learning areas they are interested in.
- (Q) Can we narrow the focus of our questions, and can we ask parents what they need help in teaching their children, and then provide those resources to them? Doing this differently in a way that can provide results. Being strategic and intentional. (A) We (EL) have not changed the goals overall. At this time they are broad, but we can help sites to look at areas where they can narrow their individual SRG's based on their capacity.
- (C) I don't think we can look at the goals and see movement, I think they need to be more specific and measurable.
- (C) We need more family engagement and culturally competency training so that teachers can be better equipped and feel more comfortable when communicating with parents.



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## Updates -

- The expectation from state is that we are doing SRG.
- There is a link next to all ECEAP children who transferred to HS that the teacher can click on to find out historical (past enrollment/school) information
- EL will be contacting all centers that are not fully enrolled yet, and give them information on the next steps they will need to take with EL. It is a possibility that our funders could request money back for under-enrollment
- Centers/Sites are to continue to keep waiting list, however they are to share this information with other centers/sites in their region so that those with space available can serve those families in need.
- The new HS/ECEAP application will be released January 15, 2015.
- On March 1<sup>st</sup> the federal poverty level should be released.
- Next year by October 2015 we must be fully enrolled. This is part of the compliance requested from our funders.

## Learning Labs

- ECEAP Online Inventory System
- Parent Funds/Committees
- Head Start Review: Grant 187
- ECEAP Expansion Q&A
- Monitoring – ChildPlus
- ECEAP Review: Non-compliance items

## Next Meeting:

Thursday, Jan 22, 2014

9am to 12pm

Cedar/Duwamish/Nisqually rooms