



Early Learning Program

Puget Sound Educational Service District

Center Director Meeting Notes

March 19, 2015

EL website: www.earlylearningwa.org

Activation Strategy – Verda - PPT

- Welcomed group and started group on Activation Strategy around recruitment

Framing – Luba - PPT

- Went over the list in PPT - ERSEA Hows
- Family Support staff are to be doing FS work and not substitute in classroom or clerical work.
- Waitlists should be shared between the centers
- Budget information is posted on the Center Director webpage every month
- Before determining if centers can qualify for additional funds for recruitment the ESD will determine how you are spending your budget.

PLC Focus – Recruitment Barriers–

- Discussed, in their PLC groups, barriers to recruitment and sharing what each center does

ERSEA – Enrollment - PPT–Nicole

- ECEAP – do not need get approval for enrollment of 3yo
- If Head Start classrooms are more than 50% enrolled with 3yo then your enrollment must be capped at 17
- In Head Start, up to 35% over-income (130% of poverty guidelines) can be enrolled but you have to show that you have exhausted all opportunities of enrolling children who are income eligible
- New process/form to document family partnership goal and school readiness at enrollment
- Talk with parents about what school readiness means and to have parents share their hopes for their child
- End goal is getting children ready for college and career, think of the future
- 2015-16 enrollment forms will be available on the EL website Friday afternoon

Updates – PPT

Self-Assessment – Nathalie

- We are trying to engage more families in the process.
- Please help us to advertise the parent/family survey far and wide www.earlylearningwa.org
- 4 regional discussion groups, King and Pierce counties. Registration closes tomorrow March 20th.
- All information is available on www.earlylearningwa.org
- Information will be available to centers if the center information allows anonymity to be kept.
- Send completed paper copies to Barb Johnson and we will get them entered into the online system



EHS/HS Data - Nathalie

- Nathalie is trying to get a feel for how many centers are interested in entering their own 45 day screenings

Training and Meeting Calendar – Cheryl Habgood

- **Draft** calendars were handed out
- In April we will hand out the full calendar
- Anything added after that time will be optional unless it is a review finding or some regulation that comes out during the year
- We would invite topics for the spring Seminar Series, please let us know
- A survey will be sent for ideas about New Staff training

USDA

- Review June 1-5 for any sites that are on a USDA contract
- Reviewers will be visiting sites at the end of April and all of May
- Help your staff understand that you may have an unannounced visit from USDA reviewer
- Provide ESD with any calendar changes immediately

ECEAP Expansion

- If you haven't already talked with Talena and you are interested, please contact Talena

Next Meeting:

Thursday, April 23, 2015

9am to 12pm

12pm to 2pm Optional Learning Labs

Cedar/Duwamish/Nisqually rooms