



Early Learning Program

Puget Sound Educational Service District

Center Director Meeting Notes

Sept 10, 2015

EL website: www.earlylearningwa.org

Meet and Greet, Celebrate Successes, Introductions – Talena

- Educare – spent the summer with 62 children in classrooms to help prepare them for kindergarten
- United Indians of All Tribes– opened Daybreak Star
- Auburn SD - expanding ECEAP in a new building
- Franklin Pierce – will have new home for Early Learning this year
- CHS – had to move out of Kenmore and have moved into their Center building
- New center staff:
 - Karen Virta – Bellevue College
 - Tina Layos – GRMS
 - Diana Holtz – GRMS
 - Lisa Reaugh – Peninsula SD
 - Robin Becker – Auburn SD
 - Cass Horan–Cottesmore EHS
 - Kari Marquand - Enumclaw
- ESD:
 - Emily Stephens
 - Amy Alexander
 - Cathy Schley

Updates – Talena - PPT

- Verda Lofton, Director of Educational Equity, will be working with Center Directors next month about Transforming Institutional Values Framework

Frame the Year

Mapping out the year so it will be visual all year long

- The Connector will have all updates and what you need to know as the year goes on
- Why The Change – we will be letting you know why we changed something when we make the change

Program Updates:

Professional Learning & Early Achievers –Cheryl Habgood (PPT)

- Face To Face New Staff Training sessions: the intent is to support and enhance what staff learn online, if you can send staff please send staff, if you need to choose, prioritize teachers and family support to attend, pre-registration is essential, find links in the Meeting and Trainings calendar.
- Learning Labs – we want to hear from you if would like to see a lab on a specific subject
- Seminar Series – Content has not been decided yet. Waiting to see what might be needed. They will start in January. For teaching staff. Registration is required. Optional. See Training & Meeting calendar online.



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- Early Achievers – ECEAP sites rated Level 4 by March 1, 2016. Sites already in Queue moved to Cohort 1 for rating 11/16 – 1/15. You will receive email with your specific information soon. EA Learning Lab today for specific questions.
- www.earlylearningwa.org is the website that you will find all of this information
- **Screencasts** will be available this year – these are short informational videos (under 5 minutes)

Criminal Background Checks – Talena

- We need to be in line with what Head Start requires but if state is more stringent then you need to follow state regulations.
- We are trying to get in writing what is required right now
- Review the policy and procedure for Head Start and ECEAP (in ELPM) and follow them exactly
- Contact Talena Dixon, Kristyl Riddle or Lori Pittman with questions

PLC – Merri McBride

- Would like to start a PLC/Critical Friends group for staff that has someone for educational support during Learning Lab time
- Will continue through the program year
- Will be first on the agenda (except today)
- Have been reconfigured so that:
 - Some PLC groups are slightly smaller
 - School District programs are either geographically close or have similar number of EL classrooms

Leadership Update – Julie Rolling (jrolling@psed.org)

- Gene – we are thinking about what that position will look like going forward. Use the Connector for points of contact.
- Associate Superintendent – search, input survey sent out after meeting
- Verda Lofton – Educational Equity Director
- Kay Lancaster – School Readiness Director and Family Support
- Nicole Chu – ERSEA Manager
- Family Engagement Manager – search continues
- Sharon Judie – Health Director



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Re-competition:

- We will be writing a new proposal for a new 5 year Head Start Grant
- Current grant ends June 30, 2016
- ESD Agency Team working on gathering the data to write the grant for re-competition
- We hope to be notified by March 2016 how many slots we will receive

Round Robin with Q & A: Changes and Highlights...Why the Change?

- **Purpose**
 - Understand changes for this program year
 - Understand “why the change”
 - Able to message changes to site staff
 - Successful implementation
- Discussions around the pieces of The Connector that changed or are highlighted
- 4 groups: Education/Special Services, Family Support, Health/Nutrition, Regional Support

PLC Focus – Professional Learning Plans– PPT

- Directors went into their PLC groups to focus on: How do I know that the start of the school year was successful for children, families, and staff?
- Also talked about what was discussed in Round Robins

Learning Labs

- EHS CCP & ECEAP Expansion
- New Center Directors
- Subcontractor Educational Support Staff
- Early Achievers

Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 22, 2015

9am to 12pm

12pm to 2pm Optional Learning Labs

Cedar/Duwamish/Nisqually rooms