



Early Learning Program

Puget Sound Educational Service District

Center Director Meeting Notes

Oct 22, 2015

EL website: www.earlylearningwa.org

Meet and Greet, Celebrate Successes, Introductions – Talena

- New center staff:
 - McKenna Nicholson – Center Coordinator, Federal Way
 - Brianne Miles – YMCA Puyallup
 - Patricia Gilson – Education Coordinator, KYFS
- ESD:
 - Alexandra Auguste-Lewis – Sr Regional Health Coord, Region 3
 - Xinying He – Sr Regional Health Coord, Region 4

Updates – Talena - PPT

Mapping the Year - Talena

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

- Talena went over progress and where we are at for the year

Program Updates

New Associate Superintendent for Early Learning - Julie

- Kay Lancaster has accepted the position and will begin Nov 1

Re-competition – Julie, Lori - PPT

Overview

- The ESD sees this process as an opportunity to review our program and make changes where it makes sense to better serve children and families in our region
- Funding announcement still has not been released, hopefully soon
- Set the stage for the impact across all of EL, ECEAP and HS based on changes in funding, expansion, etc.
- Cradle to career perspective; need to look at services to EHS
- Is there a willingness to offer more of these services?
- If we do more full day and extended day, that will mean fewer slots because the total funding is not increasing and the per slot allotment is more for FD and ED than part day
- By 2015 all HS grantees will be funded on 5 year cycle; done via competition, and any agencies that meet qualifications can apply for any or all and awards may be given to multiple folks
- Currently 20.2 million, almost 2000 slots, over 30 sub-contractors, 20% of agency budget
- Implications: current grant ends 6/30/16—services and staff will end, unless extended by region X.
- Will include many of the current grant assets in new proposal; but things will change due to new grant guidelines, proposed services, partnerships/subcontractors, staffing models, etc. Will likely have fewer slots based on likelihood of multiple awards.



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- Timeline: funding announcement not out...maybe late Oct/early Nov; community meeting by OHS, November 5th to learn more about funding opportunity. Announcement will come out shortly before or after the announcement. Will have 60 days to write.
- Expected award decision is 6/30, with grant expected to start 7/1.
- Considering more 0-3 services: OHS asking all grantees across the country to consider more 0-3 services; not enough only 4% of eligible in WA state are currently served in EHS; also increase focus on federally funded state preschool, which would shift HS funds to 0-3. ECEAP expansion is expected to continue and we are potentially planning/hoping to replace shifts in HS Pre-K slots to ECEAP.
- Full Day Preschool: large body of research show that full day leads to greater gains in School Readiness skills
- Will balance new service model needs with serving the most number of children...
- Our services are comprehensive EL services, how do we use the resources to meet that goal, so expansion in ECEAP is a piece of the puzzle.
- RE-Competition is a Period of uncertainty
- We will post the power-point for reference to go back to: will also post the FAQs with responses and will add to them as we go along...

Questions or Concerns:

Q - Concern with losing slots, with 30 on the waitlist, need guidance on this with how to wrap it around my head...how to work with my administration on this. Want to touch as many families as we can.

A - We want to balance this and know that we want a competitive front. Region X serves the least # of children in 6 hour programs in the US. We need to consider this statistic, and we get points. If we don't address it, we could be hurting ourselves.

Q - I was thinking about opportunity gap and it seems that we are increasing the gap: We have fewer kids served in longer days, but will have fewer students attending.

A - We know that ECEAP will need to serve all eligible kids by 2020.

Q - We asked every family in program, if they wanted FD program, and we filled our 40 FD, but we don't have a waitlist for that, so families do not want full day.

A - Will have 2 community meetings asking parents to ask what kind of services they want, we will

Q - In Pierce County right now there are only 2 for profit full-day, will there be start-up funds to get this going?

A - Good question. We will get back regarding this.

Q - Curious about what EHS looks like, models, staffing, CB and HB

A - Center based is typically full day year round, HB each Home Visitor carries a caseload of 12 and does weekly Home Visits with 2x a month of socialization groups. Educare is full day and year round and provides wrap around services. Ratio 4:1; group size; layering with working connections child care subsidy funds. 2 are direct services through PSESD, and we have had teen parent program, and now have EHS CCP services.



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Q- Will HS grant cycle be 7/1 moving forward?

A - We don't know. Extension may happen. (Why?): we will likely need to extend this based on the delayed timeline, implementing the new PS, etc.

Q-How does the increased capacity play into this, particularly space?

A - Common conversation, we know that this is an issue; we did the survey to find out what space people have; part day full year as well as full school day. There is value and a need for high quality PD services; and we need to have more FD, extended day and EHS slots. Please reflect on your needs, your capacity, your philosophy for your EL program. This is a puzzle that can fit together many different ways. That is why we are asking for your input through the survey.

Q- What advocacy efforts can we participate in to communicate the capacity needs, space and start up, etc.

A - Contact Lori Pittman lpittman@psed.org . She can help with this and we can work collectively.

Q- I was wondering about the survey and want to know if we can resubmit it?

A - Yes! You can leave it as is...or you can resubmit, or just answer the question that you need. We know that we have to balance the urgency and the need.

Q- For EHS slots are we only looking at CB or also HB services? If so, can we have questions about HB slots?

A - Yes!

Q- Gene said he'd put a letter out about re-competition to share with staff, but haven't seen it.

A - Yes, we have some resources that we will share, with talking points. We will post them for you on the PSESD website.

Learning Labs

- 187 Review (required)
- Active Supervision (required)
- Criminal Record Check (required)
- Instructional Leadership Group
- Re-competition
- EHS-CCP and ECEAP Expansion

Next Meeting:

Thursday, November 19, 2015

1pm to 4pm – New time just for this meeting

Cedar/Duwamish/Nisqually rooms