



Early Learning Program

Puget Sound Educational Service District

Center Director Meeting Notes

Feb 25, 2016

EL website: www.earlylearningwa.org

Center Director [webpage](#)

Meet and Greet, Celebrate Successes, Introductions – Talena

New Staff to Center Director meeting

- Center:
 - Kathy Emerick – Highline Public Schools

Early Achievers Update – Merri McBride – PowerPoint

- EA is being infused into our work and is woven into our continuous improvement cycle
- This year 2 opportunities we made available to center staff: Seminar Series and Learning Labs
- Scores are averaged out among all of the classrooms at a site
- 45 points only given to sites that have over 75% of their children in ECEAP or HS
- We are trying to weave this into our process so that it is not a separate task for centers to do
- For more information visit the DEL website: <http://www.del.wa.gov/care/qris/Default.aspx>

Questions:

Q: When will we know about remaining sites to be rated?

A: April 15th is what we have heard.

Q: Is the monetary award still available?

A: No, this is no longer available. ECEAP is looking at possibly allocating some dollars for this.

Q: Will there be a chance to give feedback

A: Yes, later during your small group work, but feedback is always welcome

Q: Will coaches be able to continue support?

A: DEL has just sent out information about Child Care Aware coaching and what will be available. There is some clunkiness around this because DEL is trying to meld two systems together. We continually give feedback to DEL on how the system is working.

Q: How will the re-competition process affect EA?

A: We have written it into our application. We will not know until we hear about our application from Region X we are hoping in April or May.

Q: Heard that ECERS might not be a part of the rating system going forward.

A: We have also heard that but do not know yet. DEL has not made the decision.

- Table discussion on what would make this a meaningful process for you and your staff.
- Recorded by table



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Updates – Kay Lancaster, Talena Dixon, Nubia Lopez, Kristyl Riddle – PowerPoint

ECEAP Updates from DEL - Talena

- Legislative Update
 - House budget is moving forward, will know today about the Senate
 - Unfortunately at this point there are no new dollars for ECEAP slots
 - Currently up to 300 slots in ECEAP have been unfilled, we are talking with DEL about our interest in taking those slots. Ongoing conversation.
- TS GOLD
 - DEL has met with teaching strategies about the bridge with ELMS
 - They are aware of the issues
 - They think they have some fixes to put in place
 - You can email directly to give you feedback on issues DEL.wa@teachingstrategies.com
 - Only make one request
 - Looking at streamlining
 - ESD did a pilot on GOLD Plus and got good feedback
 - DEL has been made aware the GOLD Plus would be an improvement
 - Contact Cheryl Habgood (chabgood@psesd.org) if you have input for DEL or Region X
- Facilities Study
 - DEL working with BERK to do a study around facilities in the state
 - Should be ready by August
- Early Start Act
 - DEL has begun work to align childcare licensing and ECEAP standards within Early Achievers
 - Possibility that all ECEAP sites would need to be licensed by November
 - Stay tuned

187 Review Overview: Leadership, Governance and Management Systems – Nubia, Kristyl

- This is the last review of the 5 year cycle
- No onsite file reviews
- We will know sometime before Nov 1 when the review will happen
- They will give us 45 days notice
- This review is important to the whole program because Leadership, Governance and Management Systems are all about the systems we have in place for the whole program and not just Grant 187

Incident Reporting - Kay

- If you have an urgent incident occur where you had to call 911 or the child was taken to the hospital, call either Kay or Talena immediately
- Follow up with the written notification



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- If you are unsure, please ask
- Contact your Health Coordinator if you have questions
- We will bring this topic back so that it can be discussed in further detail and we can get center leadership feedback
- Provide the ESD with a copy of your agency policy/procedure as applicable

Re-competition - Kay

- No new news
- No impact on ECEAP, HS 187 and EHS-CCP programs or slots
- Rumor: ECEAP slots will be moved to HS slots if we don't get the entire grant – This is false, DEL and Region X would not permit this and we would not propose this.

Learning Labs

- Instructional Support PLC
- Professional Learning Plan
- ECEAP Expansion TA
- EHS-CCP
- Safety and Health

Next Meeting:

Thursday, March 24, 2016

9am to 2pm

Cedar/Duwamish/Nisqually rooms