



Early Learning Program

Puget Sound Educational Service District

Center Director Meeting Notes

Dec 15, 2016

9am to 2pm

EL website: www.earlylearningwa.org

Welcome and Info Sharing— Kay Lancaster

New:

JoDeen Cushman – Highline SD teacher

Natasha Roberts – WCCW

Organizational Structure – see PPT for details

Phase 1

- Short term strategies to implement Jan 1-June 30, 2017

Phase 2

- Plan for sustainable organizational re-structure to support implementation of EL program long term
- Decision by end of February
- Implement July 1

Centers commented that they would like as much time to meet with their staff about how the changes we make at the ESD affect them and their staff

Legislative Update— Lori Pittman – see PPT for details

- Federal: many unknowns, small cut in HS funds as part of the continuing resolution
- State: ECEAP – fiscal ask includes slot rate increase, increases in enrollment opportunities, a summer loss project, facilities
- We anticipate requests for site visits from legislators
- Look for more detail in the next Connector
- Advocacy Day is February 8 in Olympia

Early Learning Visioning Work – Kay Lancaster – see PPT for details

- Racial Equity
- Services to Children and Families
- Partnerships

Values:

What values do you hold for our Early Learning work, particularly given our commitment to serving children and families in the opportunity gap, and leading with race?

Program-Wide Fall GOLD Data— Nathalie Jones – see PPT for details

- Talked at table group about Program-wide and center-level data

Notices, wonders

- A lot of children not meeting expectations, curious to see if that changes as the year progresses
- How accurate is data and are raters appropriately trained?
- What can the ESD do to help support the accuracy of data?



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5-Year Goals Reports– ESD Leads– see PPT for details

Broke into 3 groups to discuss:

- School Readiness
- Enrolling Children & Families of Color
- Program Planning

Learning Lab

6 Hour Classrooms

Updates – Talena Dixon

Preschool 45-day hearing screenings

The Health-Nutrition service area team members will no longer be able to conduct hearing re-screens, due to a decrease in staffing. Hearing re-screens will need to be conducted by EL center staff. **Please note this is specific to centers who conduct hearing screenings using an audiometer.* Centers currently using the OAE hearing screeners will continue to follow the OAE procedures, per the ELPM. Contact your SRC if you have additional questions.

Center Directors – Please join this Seminar Series

We strongly encourage you to join this new Seminar Series presented by the African American Child Care Taskforce, which is specifically for designed for Center Leaders – ***Me, Myself and I: A self-reflective journey***. This seminar supports our racial/educational equity work, and is a re-examination of your experiences with racism, your identity and cross racial relationships. You can make critical changes in behavior and beliefs, and take action in strengthening racial equity for all your agency. This is a two-part seminar on 2/3 and 3/3 from 8:30-12:00 at PSESD. Use the Meeting and Training Calendar on EarlyLearningWA.org to register. If it does not get enough registrants, sadly, it will have to be cancelled. If you have questions about the seminar, please check in with Verda –she'd love to talk further about this wonderful offering.

December/January Connector

New this year, we published a combo Connector that includes information for both December and January. If we have any necessary updates that need to go out before February, we will combine those and send out a mini-Connector update in January. Please continue to encourage your staff to use the Connector to understand and do their work. The monthly To-Do Lists are the best way for staff and you to understand their work month-by-month.

Schedule and Meal Time Changes

As classes have settled into their schedules and made adjustments, the ESD needs to know if you've changed meal times. Particularly if the meal is on our PSESD USDA Contract, we must make the change in the USDA database. For any meal time changes, please notify Cheryl Polasek, cpolasek@psed.org or your designated Nutrition Coordinator and we will get the update posted.

It is also the season for snow days and make-up days. Please notify the ESD if your calendar changes. We need to know all changes, as they can have an impact on claiming for USDA meals and assists coordinators in developing schedules for site visits. Please send a revised calendar to Tiffany Lyons, tlyons@psed.org immediately when your dates of service change

Next Meeting:

Thursday, Jan 26, 2017

9am to 2pm