



Early Learning Center Directors Meeting

April 27, 2017 – 8:45am to 12:30pm

Cedar/Duwamish/Nisqually conference rooms

AGENDA		
Time	Topic	Presenter
8:45-9:15	Networking and Gallery Walk of Community Data Mapping Posters from March	McKenna & Center Directors
9:15-10:20	Welcome and Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ECEAP Expansion update Overview of New Early Learning Model	Kay Lancaster Talena Dixon Kay/Talena
10:20-10:35	Break – walls pulled, break into 3 groups	
10:35-11:10 11:15-11:50 11:55-12:30	Deeper Dive of the New Early Learning Model – Round Robin <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supports to Sites Health/Nutrition/Safety Services Monitoring & Systems 	Merri McBride James Cooper-Nurse Wendy Pringle Cheryl Polasek Donna Andrews Janice Heck Cheryl Habgood Nicole Chu Nubia Lopez

Updates:

Legislative Update

STATE: The last day of the regular legislative session is this Sunday, April 23. House and Senate budgets remain far apart. We’ve heard that a special session will likely be called by Governor Inslee to begin on Monday, April 24th or the following Monday, May 1st. The governor can choose to call a special session immediately after a regular session concludes or take a break before calling one. A special session has to be called by the governor, for a maximum of 30 days. Multiple special sessions can be called. Key budget negotiators will likely be in Olympia working on an Operating Budget agreement, and most other legislators will return to their district.

ECEAP - Now that the House capital budget has been released, here is a comparison of the capital budget bills to fund [HB 1777](#) and [SB 5086](#). As a review, these funds could be used for both ECEAP

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programs and WCCC programs, with specific eligibility and selection requirements to be decided once the bills and budgets are decided.

- Senate capital budget for Early Learning Facilities Fund
 - Total amount for biennium: \$18 million

There are 2 set-asides for specific projects, totally \$1,980,000, which would be taken out of the total budget: These include: Pasco early learning facility (\$1 million) and Franklin early learning center in the Franklin Pierce school district (980,000)

- House capital budget for Early Learning Facilities Fund:
 - Total amount: \$15.5 million

There are 3 set-asides, totaling \$2,464,000 for specific projects, to be taken out of the total budget. These include: Pasco early learning center (\$1 million), Discover! Children's Museum (\$1 million) and West Hills Early Learning Center (\$464,000)

The House bill also has a proviso stating that funds from the Early Learning Facilities Fund may be granted to religious institutions, with certain provisos, including that the facility will not be used for religious services or instruction. Once the legislation and these budgets are passed by each chamber, they would have to be reconciled, including whether to have any set-asides, and if so, which projects and for how much funding.

Federal: Two quick notes on the federal budget situation:

1. **Congress is finishing the 2017 budget.** On an NHTSA call today we were told that Congressional Appropriations staff have finished negotiations on their budget agreement for the remainder of the fiscal year. They need to come to an agreement by the end of April. NHTSA thinks that we could see a small increase in funding and Senator Murray's staff are sharing the same thing. Don't be surprised if we get a tiny increase or flat funded but I think cuts are not likely for this budget.
2. **2018 Trump Budget Out in May.** In the middle of May we will see a fuller and more descriptive budget from the Trump Administration. If you recall last month President Trump put out what people refer to as a "skinny" budget. It listed \$54 billion worth of cuts including eliminating PBS funding, legal aid, afterschool grants, community action grants, and everyone's favorite Meals on Wheels among a host of others. This newer version will lay out more specific cuts and expansions (presumably immigration enforcement and homeland security.) We haven't heard much about what's in it but it's safe to say that President Trump will likely call for cuts to Head Start as part of the Health and Human Services budget reductions.. But before you get concerned always realize it is a long process and the President's budget is simply a proposal and the first leg of a multiple relay.

As always, please feel free to reach out to Lori Pittman (lpittman@psed.org or 425.9177759) for any reason

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