

# EARLY LEARNING Policy Council Corner

## What is Policy Council?

Policy Council is a group of parents who make important decisions about how the whole Puget Sound ESD (PSESD) Early Learning program operates. Each site elects parent representatives who join with administrative staff and the PSESD Board of Directors to make this a program that works well for all of the children and families served by PSESD.



## In May, we...

### **Learned about the 45<sup>th</sup> Annual National Head Start Conference**

Directors, staff, policy council members, and parents from across the country gathered to discuss the latest developments, innovations, and obstacles in early learning and explored ideas for turning challenges into opportunities.

### **Approved the Early Head Start – Child Care Partnership Continuation Funding Application**

Policy Council learned that the EHS-CCP partnership is intended to raise the quality of centers who serve children in the opportunity gap by increasing teacher qualifications, providing child development services, and providing family engagement and support.

### **Participated in a mental wellness presentation on the impact of early adversity on child development**

We watched videos on how stress impacts brain development and talked about what the information covered means in our roles as parents and PC members.

Presentation and handouts for these topics and more are available at:

<http://earlylearningwa.org/index.php/governance/policy-council>

Our next meeting is:  
**June 19**

## What's on the agenda?

- Part 2: Mental Wellness Presentation
- Review proposed parenting curriculum
- More topics!



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