

For Families – What is Policy Council?

Our Early Learning center is a part of Puget Sound Educational Service District (PSESD), which operates early learning programs like ECEAP, Head Start and Early Head Start in King and Pierce counties.

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Policy Council is a group of parents who make important decisions about how the whole PSESD Early Learning program should operate. Each center or 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 the child and families served by PSESD.

What kinds of decisions does Policy Council make?

- which families are selected for Head Start, Early Head Start and ECEAP
- how services will be delivered
- goals, plans and budgets
- where centers will be located

What will I gain from serving on Policy Council?

- an opportunity to help your child and your center
- an opportunity to make the whole Early Learning program run better
- new friends and a time to work with others in a group
- knowledge about how large organizations and budgets work
- experience joining with others to speak up for the interests and rights of children and families
- skills as a leader

How often does Policy Council meet?

The Policy Council meets once a month, usually the third or fourth Tuesday of the month. Spanish interpretation is provided, and other languages are available upon request.

Where are the meetings held?

Meetings are held at PSESD main office in Renton

What about child care and mileage costs?

You will be paid for these costs at a set rate.

How long do I serve on Policy Council?

One year, November to November.