

## Top 5 Accomplishments

October through December 2009

### “1 Month of Activity”

5. **Successful WSA Fall Meeting.** WSA held a very successful fall meeting at the end of October. An initial review of evaluations finds that attendees enjoyed the range of speakers as well as the multiple training opportunities. WSA was very proud to be one of the very first states to be visited by the new Director of the Office of Head Start, Yvette Sanchez-Fuentes.
4. **Early Learning Plan includes much of WSA agenda.** WSA sought very specific changes to the early learning plan including the inclusion of the following:
  - Assurances that at a minimum ECEAP standards would be the gold standard for at risk children as part of a universal preschool initiative;
  - A commitment in the plan to provide services to both 3 and 4 year olds as part of a basic education;
  - Substantial language on birth to 3 services including an expansion of Early Head Start and a further commitment to home visiting;
  - Meaningful changes to the child care subsidy system;
3. **Highly evaluated Policy Council Leadership Conference.** Our policy council leadership conference was well attended and received very high marks on our evaluation.
2. **Great ECEAP/Head Start Directors Meeting.** We just recently finished a terrific ECEAP/Head Start directors meeting. This is the second year in a row we added on an extra day of programming just for ECEAP providers. As a result we had a broad spectrum of programs from all across the state join us.
1. **Grab Bag.** While each of these could easily stand alone I tried to limit this list to top 5 so here is the grab bag:
  - Collaborative Leadership Institute graduation took place. Keynote speaker was Director of DEL Bette Hyde;
  - Search has begun for a part time administrative position;
  - Currently reviewing applications for the second year of the Parent Ambassador Program/New opportunity through the Children’s Alliance has developed;
  - Recent press releases on ECEAP resulted in TV coverage
  - Scheduled first two webinars for January 2010 including one on Autism and one on children in Foster Care;