



Washington State Department of
Early Learning

Kids' Potential, Our Purpose.

*“Together, with
parents and
partners, we offer
children world-
class learning
opportunities so
they reach their
full potential.”*

DEL/Head Start State Collaboration Office *Updates and Upcomings*

*WSA Head Start Directors Retreat
Summer 2008*

DEL/HSSCO Updates

- ❑ DEL Strategic Plan: 2009-2013
- ❑ DEL/OSPI/Thrive By Five Partnership Resolution
- ❑ ECEAP Expansion/Updates
- ❑ DEL Methamphetamine Summit 2008
- ❑ Thrive By Five Washington:
Culture of Literacy Task Force
- ❑ DEL Professional Development Consortium
- ❑ HSSCO Investments: 2008-09

DEL Strategic Plan: 2009-2013

- ▣ Developed upon input from multiple sources (Parent Needs Assessment, DEL public poll, ELAC, Accountability Core Teams, etc.)
- ▣ Guided by four (4) goal areas:
 - ▣ Build a Comprehensive Early Learning System
 - ▣ Strengthen Dialogue with Parents and Caregivers
 - ▣ Build Public Awareness and Will to Act
 - ▣ Build Organizational Excellence

DEL/OSPI/Thrive By Five Partnership Resolution

- ▣ Commitment to Early Learning collaboration signed April 8, 2008
- ▣ Partnership agreed to five priority areas:
 - ⦿ Early Learning and Development Benchmarks (DEL/TB5)
 - ⦿ Early Learning Professional Development System (DEL)
 - ⦿ Information Technology System; Data and Resource Mapping (DEL)
 - ⦿ Kindergarten Assessment Process (OSPI)
 - ⦿ Early Literacy Development (TB5)





ECEAP Expansion/Updates

- △ 1,145 new slots for school year 2008-09 (1,105 in 2007-08)
- △ Increased enrollment for 17 of the existing ECEAP contractors
- △ 7 new contractors:
 - ⊙ ESD 105, Yakima County
 - ⊙ Family Services of Grant County
 - ⊙ Lake Quinault School District, Grays Harbor County
 - ⊙ Okanogan County Child Development Association
 - ⊙ Richland School District, Benton County
 - ⊙ Rural Resources, Stevens and Pend Oreille Counties
 - ⊙ Wahluke School District, Grant County

ECEAP New Contractor Training

- ▶ 1,145 new slots for school year 2008-09 (1,105 in 2007-08)
- ▶ All sections of the standards in two parts (admin sections A, B, C in May and the three content areas in June)
- ▶ Well-received, appreciated help in understanding expectations
- ▶ Upcoming trainings (August: admin sections; November: content areas)

Other ECEAP updates:

-  Service Area Agreements
-  DECA Trainings
-  Staff Qualifications Project
-  Updated ECEAP Standards


DEL Methamphetamine Summit 2008:

- ▣ Took place on June 23rd in Seattle
- ▣ Approximately 150 in attendance (Head Start/ECEAP represented 50%)
- ▣ 3 presentations (Meth 101, Living Case Study, Intervention Strategies)
- ▣ Meth Summit resources available on DEL website at: <http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/communications/Default.aspx>

DEL Methamphetamine Summit 2008: *Evaluation Summary*

SESSION	MEAN 1-5 (low-high)	RESPONSE PERCENT					NUMBER OF RESPONSES
		1 (Low)	2	3	4	5 (High)	
ONE (Meth 101)	4.7	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%	26.3%	70.2%	57
TWO (Living Case Study)	4.6	1.6%	3.6%	8.9%	16.1%	6.6%	56
THREE (Intervention Strategies)	3.9	3.7%	9.3%	20.4%	27.8%	38.9%	54

Thrive by Five WA: Culture of Literacy Initiative

-  Vision: Every family—regardless of their home language, cultural background or socio-economic status—values literacy and has the support they need to provide their children with the early language and literacy experiences essential to becoming accomplished readers and writers.

Thrive by Five WA: Culture of Literacy Initiative

- △ Funded by Paul G. Allen Family Foundation
- △ Goal is to have plan established by end of 2008
- △ 3-5 year initiative (grants to communities),
pending funding opportunities
- △ Plan guided by statewide task force

Thrive by Five WA: Culture of Literacy Initiative

△ Cross-representational Task Force convened in June/July 2008 with intent to:

- Agree on common approach to the initiative
- Identify common goals and outcomes around literacy (theory and practice)
- Create an implementation and evaluation framework
- Assist in the development of implementation opportunities

DEL Professional Development Consortium

- △ Cross-representational Consortium group to convene in 2008
- △ Statewide systems development initiative
- △ Guided by “not yet published” NAEYC State Policy Blueprint paper for Professional Development
- △ *3 principles*: Integration, Quality Assurance, Diversity
- △ *6 Key Policy Areas*: Professional Standards, Career Pathways, Articulation, Financing, Advisory Structure, Data
- △ Intent is to build on previous statewide efforts and current initiatives (i.e., Higher Education Roundtable)

▣ HSSCO Investments: 2008-09

- ▣ Statewide Needs Assessment of Head Start programs
- ▣ Higher Education Roundtable
- ▣ Early Learning Community Mobilization activities
- ▣ Collaborative Leadership Institute (CLI)
- ▣ Head Start/ECEAP State Profile

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Statewide Needs Assessment of Head Start programs

- ❑ New requirement outlined in Head Start Act of 2007 (Sec. 642B (4)(A-B))
- ❑ Must be completed within a year of the State receiving a collaboration grant (WA: March 2008-February 2009)
- ❑ HSSCO Strategic Plan developed based on assessment results (also within one year)

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Statewide Needs Assessment of Head Start programs

- ❑ The Needs Assessment must (Sec. 642B (4)(i-iii)):
 - ⚠ Address the needs of Head Start agencies in the State with regard to collaboration, coordination and alignment of services (HSSCO Priority Areas), and alignment of curricula and assessments used in Head Start programs with the Head Start Child Outcomes Framework, and as appropriate, State Early Learning Standards;
 - ⚠ Be completed on an annual basis; and
 - ⚠ Be made available to the general public within the State.

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Mandated Priority Areas

- ❑ Education
- ❑ Child Care
- ❑ Health Care
- ❑ Homeless Children/Families
- ❑ Family Literacy
- ❑ Children w/Disabilities
- ❑ Child Welfare
- ❑ Community Service Activities
- ❑ Professional Development*

Statewide Needs Assessment of Head Start programs: *Progress to-date*

- ❑ Region X Collaboration Director meeting at OHS in April to discuss approach
- ❑ National Collaboration Director Task Force convened (ID and OR represented RX)
- ❑ DRAFT Needs Assessment developed by national task force to promote consistency in approach
- ❑ Will involve assessment of Head Start, Early Head Start, Migrant/Seasonal Head Start, and American Indian/Alaska Native Head Start programs in Washington

Statewide Needs Assessment of Head Start programs: *Next Steps for Washington*

- ▣ Consult with key stakeholder groups regarding full implementation of the statewide needs assessment (internal DEL staff, Head Start community, and other applicable stakeholders);
- ▣ Based on the feedback from key informant groups, conduct the statewide needs assessment in alignment with the requirements of the Head Start Act of 2007 (process to include: planning, implementation, analysis, strategic plan development, and communication of results with general public);

Statewide Needs Assessment of Head Start programs: *Next Steps for Washington (cont.)*

- △ Implement the needs assessment plan (which will involve a Request for Proposal (RFP) for a contractor to lead the needs assessment process);
- △ Conduct analysis of the needs assessment information in conjunction with key stakeholders (Head Start staff and other early learning partners); and
- △ Communicate results and intended strategic directions of the needs assessment to general public.



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