

INDIANA EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Child Development and Well Being Workgroup

Meeting Minutes Summary

Date: September 11, 2014

MEMBERS

Kevin Bain

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Charlie Geier

Beckie Minglin

Tammy Veselsky

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Attendees for Joint Meeting w/ Evaluation Workgroup:

Cathne Holliday, Theresa Heiny, Brenda Ragle, Nancy Swigonski, Beth Eiler, Beth Stroh, Kristin Lawson, Megan O'Sullivan, Sherry Crisbridge (sitting in for Julie Tipton), Dana Jones, Julie Whitman, Connie Sherman, Ena Shelley, Jeanne Zehr, Janice Katz, Carrie Bale, Kyle Wehmann, Rosa Hiestand, Beth Barrett, Sharon Molargik

Attendees for Child Development breakout group:

Everyone above representing Child Development plus Amanda Lopez and Danny Kelley joined by phone (Nancy Swigonski and Beth Barrett did not attend this part.)

Key Topics Discussed- Joint Meeting:

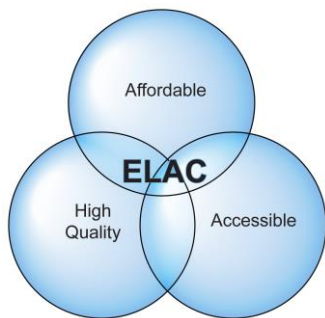
1. Megan reviewed the KR Assessment Recommendation from last month
2. Preschool Development Grant: long-term plan to develop data
3. Definition of Kindergarten Readiness read aloud, comments and discussion
4. Washington State Early Learning Guidelines (wa kids)
www.k12.wa.us/wakids or www.del.wa.gov
5. Other states expanded on their definitions after creation; we wanted to be as succinct as possible, and then branch out if needed.
6. What happens next? State Early Learning Guidelines in Child Development workgroup/ Selection of a statewide KRA in Evaluation workgroup
7. Update on Guidelines: People from around the state met in August, divided into 9 teams, and workshopped current state Guidelines; they will be brought to CD workgroup group for input
8. Guidelines aren't recognized or adopted by state (only K12 are adopted); hope to have Guidelines completed by end of year and maybe an endorsement

Key Questions Raised-Joint Meeting:

1. Are there concerns about cost for PPT and Bracken?
2. Are we looking at development delays separately in terms of the KR Assessment? Or if the child has already been identified as delayed?
3. Why were both the words "competent" and "capable" used in definition?
4. How did other states use their definitions after creation?

Key Topics Discussed-Child Development Meeting:

1. Reviewed the school readiness definition.
2. Alignment of the proposed definition with the assessment process. We may want to meet with the Evaluation workgroup.
3. Dana will align the definition with the new Early Learning Guidelines.
4. Reviewed how Washington State developed supporting materials with their definition.



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5. Indiana will have an early learning package: definition, the standards
6. Dana provided an updated on the status of the draft standards.
7. A potential next step is to look at infant and toddler services in the state. Members in agreement with this alignment and need in the state.
8. Opportunity for the workgroup to speak into and coordinate the home visiting programs. First step would be to complete a needs assessment.
9. We could begin to identify the programs that are working in each of the five domains. Indiana did this before called Step Ahead and learned that there were duplication of funds and resources.
10. We need to also consider other groups and connect with them Children's Mental Health Advisory Board (CMHA) and the Children's Commission.

Key Questions Raised-Child Development:

1. How do we operationalize and implement the school readiness definition?
2. How do we implement the kindergarten readiness guidelines?
3. What is the focus of this workgroup next?
4. Do we have a map that identifies what home visiting programs are in place in Indiana? Can we build on the work from Step Ahead?

Action Steps:

1. Review the revised Early Learning Guideline standards (when Dana posts them on Wiggio) and come prepared to October meeting with feedback.
2. Review the Washington website for inspiration on implementation of the definition and standards. As you look through their website, what are parallels in Indiana?

Next Meeting:

Date: October 29, 2014, 9:00a-11:30a

Location: St. Mary's Child Center, 901 Martin Luther King Jr. Street, Indianapolis, IN, 46202