Early Education Matching Grant Program
Presentation to the Early Learning Advisory Committee (ELAC)
October 31, 2013

1. **Background**
    *   In the past legislative session, $2 million was allocated for a pilot Early Education Matching Grant (EEMG) program for two years.
    *   Purpose is to increase enrollment of low-income four-year old children in high quality early learning programs.
    *   Eligible applicants must be a current Paths to Quality Level 3 or 4 provider and must serve low-income children (100% poverty level).

2. **Need**
    *   Indiana has 87,734 four year olds.
    *   With a 25% poverty rate for children under five years old, we estimate that there are 21,933 four year olds who live in poverty.
    *   Indiana has 771 child care programs that are Paths to Quality Level 3 or 4 providers with a capacity to serve 45,016 children.

3. **Proposed Program Guidelines**
    *   A workgroup of early education professionals, with no direct conflict of interest, met three times to develop guidelines to implement the grant program.
    *   A Request for Funds (RFF) will be released for applicants to respond to the following key items:
        A. Need
        B. Program Design
        C. Organizational Capacity
        D. Budget
        E. Competitive Preference Priorities
    *   A proposed funding formula would include a total scholarship per child served of $6,700.
    *   With a one-to-one match requirement, $3,350 would come from the grant and $3,350 would come from the match.
    *   Through this funding allocation, it is estimated that 500 children would be served annually.

4. **Timeline**
    Below is a summary of the proposed timeline.

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Actions	**Time Needed**	**Estimated Timeline**
Stakeholder Feedback	30 Days	Nov. 30, 2013
ELAC Approval of RFF	1 Day	Dec. 4, 2013
Finalize the RFF	2 Weeks	Dec. 18, 2013
Release RFF	1 Day	Dec. 20, 2013
Provide Info Sessions / Response Time	60 Days	Feb. 21, 2014
Score the Applications	3 Weeks	March 14, 2014
Select Grantees / ELAC Approval	2 Weeks	March 31, 2014
Announce Awards	1 Day	April 1, 2014
Execute Grant Agreements	60 – 90 Days	June – July 2014