



### Attendees

Ted Maple, Marissa Manlove, Mandy Zimmerman, Meghan Smith, Andrew Cullen, Nathan Williamson, Alecia Nafziger, Krista Rivera, Cynthia Smith, Nicole Norvell, Amanda Lopez; Guests: Kevin Bain, Susan Rohrbough, and Judy Reidt-Parker

### Key Topics Discussed

#### A. Updates

- ELAC is working to publish the next Annual Report first of November and asking workgroups to submit any recommendations by the October Committee meeting for consideration in the Annual Report.

#### B. Cost of Preschool Quality Study Update

- Mandy provided an overview of the Cost of Preschool Tool and demonstrated the components in the tool and how the data can be populated to answer different "what if" questions and scenarios.
- Mandy reported that she has been working with ELI's PTQ Fellow, Emily Rouge, to be able to articulate the different components embedded in the cost scenarios (i.e., coaching, monitoring, staff education, etc.) and how the components can lead to child outcomes based research completed in other state's preschool systems. Emily is helping to pull together some of the data from the research that could support a case for expanding coaching or teacher education (if that was a scenario presented).
- The workgroup discussed reframing how the information is presented from the "costs per child" to "What this \_\_\_\_\_ (amount) buys you." The focus should be on the impact and results we want to accomplish. Then the rest of the presentation can include reminders of what is included in that cost and what you are buying (i.e., explaining the standards for each level – trained educators, learning environment, curriculum, etc.).
- Workgroup discussed a possible recommendation to include in the Annual Report: "When Indiana expands, adequate funds should be dedicated to support program expansion (i.e., coaching, monitoring) to ensure realization of the identified child outcomes."

#### C. Blending and Braiding Presentation

Susan Rohrbough, State Systems Specialist with the Office of Child Care and Judy Reidt-Parker, Ounce of Prevention

- Judy and Susan were invited to join the workgroup and present an overview of best practices across the country around blending and braiding funding.



- They walked through a presentation and handouts (all shared and uploaded in Wiggio) on some of the best practices and strategies that Indiana could consider as it looks to better “layer” current and possibly future funding.
- The presentation discussed strategies at the state level for policy makers and administrators to consider as well as tools and resources to support local providers in accessing multiple funding sources.
- Workgroup discussed the desire to maximize the opportunity to use multiple funding sources and ensure appropriate policies were in place at the state level.
- Workgroup also discussed the desire to minimize the burden on local providers to access the various funding sources and the possibility of creating a “toolkit” for providers.

### Action Items

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1. CPQ tool subgroup will present next round of results of the cost of scaling preschool and prep for presenting to the full Committee on September 9<sup>th</sup>.

### Next Meeting

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Thursday, September 8th | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm | Early Learning Indiana Office