



## Attendees

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Megan Purcell, Kevin Bain, Beth Barrett, Mike Poletika, Michaelyn Meave, Amanda Lopez, and Monica DiOrio

*On the Phone:* Matt Hetzel, Mary Jane Eisenhauer, Dorothea Irwin

## Key Topics Discussed

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### ELAC Updates

1. The Annual Report is in the final approval stages and will be released in the next few weeks! This year, it includes county profiles that give a snapshot of early learning data for all counties;
2. The 2017 Annual ELAC Kickoff Event is scheduled for January 19<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am-4:00pm at Wayne Township Preschool (the Save the Dates are posted to Wiggin). Registration will be open in the next few weeks.

### Regression Discontinuity

1. Kevin gave a summary of the presentation from the “High-Quality Preschool Improves Academic Outcomes at Kindergarten: A Regression Discontinuity Approach” presentation from Los Angeles Universal Preschool (LAUP);
2. The presentation brought to light some connections to the discussion around a “control group” for Early Education Matching Grant and On My Way Pre-K, which would be the children that just miss the age cutoff to participate in these programs. Additional screening would narrow the group down to kids that were not enrolled in pre-k the previous year;
3. Members had a discussion around the LAUP study, including its methods and the results, and how this might look in Indiana;
4. Initial feedback is supportive of moving the conversations forward to gather more information.

### Subgroup Updates

1. **Head Start Outcomes Subcommittee**
  - a. Matt (Indiana Network of Knowledge, INK) reported that he attended a one-day conference that reviewed the new [Head Start Program Performance Standards](#);
  - b. It was a collaborative meeting with the Head Start Collaboration Office and state data systems to begin the process of sharing Head Start data;
  - c. INK will be working on plans to incorporate any newly released Head Start data to their existing data collection system;
2. **Toolkit for Community Coalitions Using Data Subcommittee**
  - a. The PPA workgroup meets Monday to continue working on the toolkit, including developing some resources to support the use of the toolkit;
  - b. Six communities have volunteered to “pilot” the toolkit in 2017 when it is finalized.



3. **KEA / KRA Landscape Review Subcommittee**
  - a. This subcommittee did not meet, so there were no updates.
4. **Family Engagement Crossover Subcommittee**
  - a. This subgroup will reconvene later in December to plan for 2017.

### 2017 Planning

1. Kevin and Megan gave an overview of the workgroup's initial charges through the framework, including a measurement for kindergarten readiness;
2. The survey in 2015-2016 around identifying current Kindergarten Readiness Assessments (KRA) across the state showed that many assessments are home-grown and therefore not consistent;
3. High-level discussions have led to more support for using a kindergarten readiness assessment (instead of creating a KEA) to measure the readiness of students entering kindergarten;
4. Members discussed if and how this focus should be included in 2017 and beyond. Some ideas included putting together a best practices guide (or even a mini-KRA) to help make some of the "home grown" assessments become more consistent and connecting with pilot communities to test this guide;
5. Dorothea shared that some work has been done on kindergarten readiness through [Indiana University's Early Childhood Center](#), which can be useful going forward;
6. Another topic area for 2017 could be Head Start data, including Teaching Strategies Gold data, which is already in process through the Head Start Collaboration Office and INK;
7. Members also looked to the short-term outcome for the demonstrating impact strategy of the [ELAC logic model](#), which states, "Child, family, workforce, and classroom outcomes are routinely assessed for continuous improvement" and discussed how the workgroup could tackle this, possibly starting with defining what the desired outcomes are so they can be tracked

### Action Items

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1. Megan will forward Matt the assessment summary.

### Next Meeting

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2017 Annual ELAC Kickoff Event | Thursday, January 19, 2017 | 10:00am - 4:00pm

Wayne Township Preschool | 1155 S. High School Rd., Indianapolis

*(This will take the place of all January workgroup meetings)*