



Attendees

Kent Mitchell, Russel Menyhart, Christina Hage, Mandy Zimmerman, Rhonda Clark, Lacey Kottkamp, Terry Green, Marissa Manlove, Meghan Smith, Andy Goebel, Amanda Lopez, Kyle Wehmann

Key Topics Discussed

ELAC and Other Updates

- The *Indiana Summit for Economic Development via Early Learning Coalitions* (aka the Indiana Coalition Summit) was held on June 5, 2017 at the Monroe County Convention Center in Bloomington. There were about 380 attendees representing 56 counties!
 - WFYI taped the keynotes and special presentations, which will be posted to the [Summit page](#) of the ELAC website once edited. The speakers' materials are already posted and available [here](#).
- IDOE has posted their [state plan](#) in response to ESSA. We strongly encourage you to review and submit comments by the deadline of July 20th, 2017 at 11:59 p.m.

ELI Blending and Braiding Project

- Program Selection Process
 - Ultimate Objective: Determine about 10 program providers who would fully participate in the blending and braiding project to layer funding sources.
 - Program criteria list was shared with Mandy to pull provider data; Over 350 programs fit criteria!
 - Filtered data in Tableau with live demonstration for workgroup
 - Mandy noted that the data is self-reported, so ELI has no way to monitor or check-in with programs to get their data
 - Narrowed criteria guidelines
 - Provider type was primary filter, we want representation from each type
 - Filter by how many different funding sources are being used by a single provider, including:
 - Fundraising-driven funding
 - Employer-sponsored programs
 - Pull enrollment/capacity data to estimate size of program



- Discussion about using an application or screening process near end of selection process (when 30-40 applicants are left)
 - Suggestion to give a group training on blending/ braiding funding to gauge interest, then have programs complete a “screener”; then potentially fill out an application and/or have an interview to “whittle” down to final 10 programs.
 - Suggestion to create a Funding Cheat Sheet for providers
- Discussed the possible option of Medicaid funding
 - We want to know how schools are using the funding?
 - Schools only bill for direct services. (Terry uses this in Vanderburgh.)
 - Need to research this more before sharing the potential opportunity as to not jeopardize programs.

Subcommittee for Alternative Early Childhood Funding Sources

- Discussed Example Strategies from Research:
 1. Tax sugary foods like soda to pay for child care
 - a. Indianapolis soda tax proposed recently
 2. Tax Sunday alcohol sales
 3. Kentucky tobacco tax
 4. Pay for Success models
 5. International Bank (billionaire clients interested in source of impact investing)
 6. With changes going on in DOE/HSSA, there could be a way to leverage federal funds...
 7. New Mexico
 - a. Sante Fe Soda tax
 - b. Constitutional change - 1% interest earning from land fund
 8. Lottery programs
 - a. Gambling revenues going down, large stream for state programs
 9. Alliance for Healthier Indiana
 - a. Tobacco tax



10. Current funding research about wage supplements and resources

- Subcommittee created a 'Funding Matrix'
 - Suggestion to add columns detailing risk, sustainability, and year the strategy was enacted.
 - Also add a tab for sources/communities who fund efforts to recruit and retain pre-k workforce.

Funding Data for ELAC Annual Report

- Funding data at the county level will hopefully be shared at August meeting to help decide which indicators to include in Annual Report and County Profiles.

Action Items

1. Mandy will run the program provider data by additional criteria discussed above and share with project support team for narrowing down programs for selection process.
2. Alternative Funding Sources subcommittee will add suggested columns to funding matrix.

Next Meeting

Thursday, August 10, 2017 | Early Learning Indiana | 10:00am – 12:00pm EST