



Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) Feedback Loop

February 6, 2023

Recommendations, Input and Decisions Made, Status Updates

Follow Up Items from Previous Meetings

Access and Living Wage Proviso Updates

The Access and Living Wage Proviso supports DCYF’s goal of an integrated, mixed-delivery system of affordable (no more than 7% of their family income), high-quality early care and education for ALL of Washington’s children and providers are provided a living wage and benefits.

DCYF continues to partner with SEIU 925 and Child Care Aware of Washington. Work is shifting from initial planning to soliciting feedback from DCYF staff, providers, family members, and community members to inform the Access and Living Wage Implementation Plan. These feedback sessions will provide valuable input that will help refine the recommendations outlined in the implementation plan, due to the legislature by June 30, 2025.

The project team expects to present an update on this work and the initial findings at ELAC, Provider Supports, and IPEL meetings over the coming months.

Milestone Met: DCYF contracted with the Washington Communities for Children to conduct listening sessions and execute surveys with family members and providers across Washington State. DCYF and Child Care Aware of Wahington recently presented at the 1/22 IPEL meeting and invited those interested to help inform this work through meetings with DCYF and supporting Child Care Aware of Washington’s advocacy campaign.

Next Steps: DCYF and WCFC will lead feedback sessions over the next several months to discuss policy questions related to developing the implementation plan.

Feedback obtained from these groups will inform and provide guidance on policy related to access and affordability for families, facilities, career pathways and professional development for providers, and integrated classrooms and systems.

DCYF Office of Innovation, Alignment and Accountability (OIAA)

OIAA is working on supplemental analyses for the FSKA evaluation (e.g., child care continuity), as well as updating some of the existing analyses with 2023 data (e.g., provider churn). We are also working on adding an FSKA page on the [agency performance site](#) under supplemental measures, similar to what exists for the [Early Start Act](#) (see highlighted photo below). We hope this can be a one stop shop for all FSKA evaluation resources: reports, dashboards, graphs, one-pagers, PPTs, etc.



Agency Performance

We are committed to the goals of supporting children, youth, and families in achieving better outcomes in the areas of resilience, education, and health. These outcome goals and the supporting strategic priorities, are essential to our agency's work — they guide what we do and the decisions we make every day.

[Learn More About the Agency Performance Measures](#)

Strategic Priorities

<p>Eliminate Racial Disproportionality and Advance Racial Equity</p> <p>9 indicators ></p>	<p>Safely Reduce the Number of Children and Youth in Out-of-Home Care by Half</p> <p>6 indicators ></p>	<p>Create Successful Transitions into Adulthood for Youth and Young Adults in Our Care</p> <p>4 indicators ></p>
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Supplemental Measures

- Performance-Based Contracting
- Child Welfare QA
- Early Start Act

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DCYF's New Training Site DEVELOP Update

DEVELOP Launch Extended

DEVELOP is DCYF's new training site for early care and education professionals. DEVELOP will be a place to find, complete, and manage trainings and conference/special events, as well as to apply to become a State-Approved Trainer. DCYF has been working hard to transition to DEVELOP. Because of continuing changes to system formats, DEVELOP's expected launch date for early care and educational professionals has now moved to **July 2024**.

Background Checks Special Webinar

In response to feedback received from Provider Supports Members during the December meeting, DCYF hosted a Background Checks Special Webinar which was held virtually on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

- The webinar slides [can be found here](#).
- The meeting recording [can be found here](#).

The Background Check team will be presenting at the [February 14 Provider Supports meeting](#) to follow up.

Recruitment Announcement: ELAC Executive Committee

We are currently accepting nominations for co-chairs! Below we have included the Roles and Responsibilities, including time commitments, for the co-chair position. Please take a moment to review and reach out if you have any questions or would like to apply.

Co-Chair Roles and Responsibilities

- Serve as members of the Executive Committee.
- Lead and facilitate meetings in a way that ensures that all Members and the public have opportunities to participate; that meeting actions and decisions are clear; and that ELAC provides meaningful, clear advice and recommendations to DCYF.
- Steward the consistent collaboration and alignment with DCYF to ensure all expectations and directives are being met.
- Participate in regular planning meetings with DCYF to plan meetings and track work plan progress (approximate time commitment is 2-3 one-hour meetings per month).
- Foster and maintain forthright, positive relationships with DCYF and with ELAC Members and Regional Advisors.
- Represent ELAC in communications with DCYF.

If you are interested in being a co-chair for the ELAC, please email us at dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov and share the following:

- Why are you interested in being a co-chair for the ELAC?*
- What do you hope to contribute to the Executive Committee?*