



Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)
Virtual Meeting Agenda

April 1, 2025

9:00 to 10:00 a.m. Executive Session

10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Open Public Meeting

Time	Activity
9:00-9:50 am	EXECUTIVE SESSION: Executive Committee and FSKA Report Updates <u>GOAL/OUTCOME:</u> Members will receive updates on the ELAC Executive Committee, including the development of the Provider Supports Subcommittee charter and progress on the FSKA recommendations and report development.

Time	Activity
10:00-10:10 am	Welcome & Virtual Meeting Protocols
10:10-10:30 am	Remarks from DCYF’s Secretary Senn <u>GOAL/OUTCOME:</u> Hear opening remarks from DCYF’s Secretary Senn, providing a welcoming introduction and reinforcing the importance of ELAC’s work in alignment with DCYF’s goals and priorities.
10:30-11:15 am	Early Learning Legislative Update <u>GOAL/OUTCOME:</u> Members will receive an update on early learning legislation from agency leadership and the Government Affairs Office, including key policy developments, budget considerations, and potential impacts on early learning programs.
11:15-11:45 am	ELAC Committee Business <u>GOAL/OUTCOME:</u> Review Meeting Minutes, the State Agency/Partner and Regional Coalition Updates and Feedback Loop document.
11:45-12:00 pm	BREAK
12:00-1:00 pm	Fair Start for Kids Act Evaluation and Analysis, DCYF’s Office of Innovation, Alignment and Accountability (OIAA) <u>GOAL/OUTCOME:</u> Members will receive an overview of the Fair Start for Kids Act (FSKA) implementation efforts and learn about the evaluation report and its impact on the Early Care and Education (ECE) field.
1:00 pm	Closing Remarks/Adjourn



<u>Executive Committee</u>	<u>DCYF Staff</u>
<p>Andrea Carrillo, ELAC Member Hanna Bruning, Regional Advisor Representative Tanya Hutton, Regional Advisor Representative VACANT, ELAC Member</p>	<p>Marlene White— marlene.white@dcyf.wa.gov Erin Kerrigan – Erin.kerrigan@dcyf.wa.gov</p> <p>For general inquiries and questions regarding reimbursements, please email dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov</p>

PURPOSE	ESSENTIAL RACIAL EQUITY QUESTIONS
<p>To build a comprehensive system of early learning services, ELAC will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Advise DCYF ▪ Commit to open dialogue to bring up timely issues and diverse priorities ▪ Deliberate and influence state/local policies and programs ▪ Actively engage to support state/local connections 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is this policy, decision or practice good for kids, families and early learning educators of color? ▪ Do some kids, families and early learning educators benefit more or less than others? ▪ Do kids, families and early learning educators of color have access, and if not, why? ▪ What data and information is missing? ▪ Are there any unintended consequences?

COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS		
<p>ELAC is dedicated to ensuring a safe environment where quality deliberations take place by allowing every individual the opportunity to be heard without censorship or judgement. All input and questions are encouraged and welcomed. ELAC is committed to actively listening to the voices of those gathered to work together to provide whole child outcomes for the families of Washington State. We are responsible for each other's learning. In order to support this process, all participants must agree to:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be Present & Engaged ▪ Be Forward Thinking ▪ Commit to the WHY? the WHAT? And the HOW? ▪ W.A.I.T. (Why am I Talking/ Why aren't I Talking?) ▪ Eliminate Power Dynamics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Listen for Understanding ▪ Be a Communication Conduit to Various Communities ▪ Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You ▪ Collective Sense-Making Before Decision-Making 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Be Comfortable with Messy Conversations ▪ Be an Advocate for and an Agent of Change ▪ Be Solution Focused ▪ Impact Over Intent, and Repair if Necessary ▪ Experience Discomfort ▪ Speak Your Truth ▪ Be Open to Non-Closure