

Oct 17 ELAC Presentation
Creating a State-Local Coordination Structure
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Introduction

- Purpose of Work: Create a well functioning system of coordination between state and local early learning partners, so that we can improve outcomes for children.
- Team members: CRG (John Howell and Rhonda Peterson), Dovetailing (Bea Kelleigh and Garrison Kurtz), Trang Tu, Gaylis Linville and will include cultural competency expert.
- Extensive early learning experience helps team understand some of the challenges and opportunities in doing this work: (State Early Learning Plan, Early Learning Guidelines, previous work with ELAC, coalitions and infant/toddler regions)

Brief Overview of Proposal

- To create a collaborative structure we need to create a collaborative process for this project.
- The project scope is not finalized; it will be developed during next two weeks.
- The following is an outline of the Cedar River Group proposal:
 - Steering Committee structure, with work groups. Committee and work groups part of ELAC structure.
 - Develop communications plan
 - Summarize research on best practices in state and nationally
 - Conduct stakeholder interviews
 - Identify opportunities, barriers and needs for enhanced governance model
 - Develop guiding principles
 - Conduct first round of public outreach
 - Develop collaborative governance options
 - Conduct second round of public outreach
 - Recommendations

Conversation about the Project

- What interests and perspectives would they suggest should be included on the project steering committee?
- What interests and perspectives should we be sure to include in the stakeholder interviews?
- Are there specific states/models they would like to make sure we research as part of our best practices work?