



JOINT RESOLUTION PARTNERSHIP ONE-YEAR ACTION PLAN

PROGRESS REPORT TO THE EARLY LEARNING ADVISORY COUNCIL

MARCH 14, 2011

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MAKE HOME VISITING AVAILABLE TO AT-RISK FAMILIES

- DEL leading comprehensive planning process in response to federal guidance for the development of WA Home Visiting Plan
- DEL confirmed Maintenance of Effort (MOE) requirement for federal grant
- Thrive continues to lead implementation of home visiting grants funded through the Home Visiting Services Account (HVSA)

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INCREASE USE OF EARLY LITERACY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- OSPI worked with partners and stakeholders to draft a statewide birth through grade 12 literacy plan to receive federal funds
- Thrive continued to fund literacy grants in four of the ten early learning coalitions
- Thrive supported Reach Out and Read WA to continue statewide expansion
- Thrive released the 2011 Culture of Literacy evaluation report and Impact Brief

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PROVIDE MORE PARENTING LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Thrive worked with partners, stakeholders, and experts to develop a statewide parent awareness campaign – Love, Talk, Play
- Campaign to launch spring 2011 in communities throughout the state

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IMPLEMENT QUALITY RATING AND IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM (SEEDS TO SUCCESS)

- Continued to implement the field test
- Began planning and preparations to take Seeds to Success from a field test towards statewide implementation
- Began to articulate roles and responsibilities of partners in implementing Seeds to Success

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IMPLEMENT KINDERGARTEN ASSESSMENT PROCESS (WAKIDS)

- Began second round of Early Learning Collaboration meetings between kindergarten teachers and early learning providers and focus groups with parents who have children in the WaKIDS pilot
- Began planning for last surveys to be completed in March/April 2011 by pilot teachers and early care and education professionals
- Communicated with the three vendors whose tools are being piloted about release of upcoming RFP for final selection process

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CONTINUE IMPLEMENTATION OF PHASED-IN FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

- FDK funding for the 2011-13 biennium is uncertain since it is currently not part of Basic Education
- Funding levels will not be known until a final budget is approved by the Legislature and signed by the Governor (anticipated for early May 2011)

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REVISE AND PROMOTE USE OF EARLY LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT BENCHMARKS

- Convened a workgroup to design and implement a revision process
- Secured expert workgroup facilitation from the National Equity Project
- Workgroup has made high-level decisions about the direction for the revision process and have begun to map out tasks for moving forward

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BUILD STATEWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR PARTNERSHIPS AND MOBILIZATION

- Provided funding and technical assistance to early learning coalitions to support their efforts to build local capacity, expertise and awareness for early learning
- Convened two statewide gatherings for early learning coalitions
- Securing spending authority for the State Advisory Council grant