



Washington State Department of
Early Learning

State Advisory Council Next Steps

Early Learning Advisory Council
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State Advisory Council (SAC) grant overview

- ❑ State Advisory Council (SAC) grants are funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- ❑ Purpose of the grants are to support states in building an early learning system
- ❑ Washington (DEL) was awarded approximately \$1.7 million over three years (incl. \$163,000 in supplemental funding)
- ❑ Governor Gregoire designated ELAC as Washington's SAC



Conditions of the SAC Grant

- ❑ Specific membership requirements (i.e., HSSCO, Disabilities, etc.)
- ❑ Confirm a 70% non-federal share/match (for WA, approx. \$3.5 million)
- ❑ Submit a statewide report (Early Learning Plan) outlining the intended activities of the SAC/ELAC

Washington's SAC Grant Activities

- ❑ Governance
- ❑ PreK-3rd Alignment
- ❑ Professional Development/Quality Rating and Improvement System
- ❑ Benchmarks
- ❑ WaKIDS



What about Governance?

- ❑ Key strategy (#34) in the Early Learning Plan
- ❑ Key priority of the Joint Resolution Partnership
- ❑ SAC goals (for Governance) are to:
 - ❑ Develop a collaborative governance mechanism (focused on state and local coordination)
 - ❑ Implement Early Learning Plan
- ❑ KEY: build on what is existing (state and local)



What is Collaborative Governance?

- ❑ Collaborative: To co-labor, to cooperate to achieve common goals working across boundaries in multi-sector relationships. Cooperation is based on the value of reciprocity.
- ❑ Governance: To steer the process that influences decisions and actions within the private, public, and civic sectors (Henton & Melville, n.d.).



What will we do over three years?

Year One

- Secure planning consultant
- Finalize council membership in statute
- Engage state & local partners in developing strategy/design

Year Two

- Finalize governance model design
- Create implementation plan
- Implement plan in stages

Year Three

- Implementation continues

Council Discussion



For more information:

<http://del.wa.gov/partnerships/elac/grant.aspx>