

EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, October 14, 2021
(as of October 8, 2021)

2021 Legislation

- *EOEL Legislative Requests*
 - We are in the process of sending the Governor and Budget and Finance the Legislative-related requests approved by the ELB. Departments will be meeting and reviewing requests with the Governor and Budget and Finance in the next coming months.
 - We anticipate EOEL will be able to inform the ELB of approval at the November ELB meeting.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- *DOE Schools*
 - Application Update
 - As of September 30, 2021:
 - Total applications received: 562
 - Total applications approved: 469
 - Maximum enrollment (current): 394 seats
 - Comparison with previous years of applications received:

SY 18-19	SY 19-20	SY 20-21	SY 21-22
as of 9/30/18	as of 9/30/19	as of 9/30/20	as of 9/30/21
616	620	522	562

- Enrollment reports from schools for Quarter 1 SY 2021-22 due on October 11, 2021.

SY 18-19 (Q1)	SY 19-20 (Q1)	SY 20-21 (Q1)	SY 21-22 (Q1)
415	448	239	Expected by 10/11/21
SY 18-19 (Q4)	SY 19-20 (Q4)	SY 20-21 (Q4)	SY 21-22 (Q4)
426	462	302	Expected by 5/27/22

Preschool Development Grant Birth through 5 (PDG B-5) Initial Grant

- *Champions Engagement*
 - The four-phase champion reengagement process will need to continue for 2 more strategic implementation plans. EOEL began steps to provide convening support for these two plans and its champions this month.
 - Champions of the various SIPs that have completed the reengagement process will be sent a questionnaire. The questionnaire has been sent to some champion groups over the last two months and will continue as needed.
- *Earlychildhoodhawaii.com Website*

- We continue to build out www.earlychildhoodhawaii.com with the workforce supports section and continue to solicit feedback from stakeholders. Next steps are to incorporate feedback and planning for the public launch.
- *2021 PDG B-5 All State Virtual Convening Announcement-October 2021*
 - Mahalo for the feedback from those who completed the Google Form. Feedback was very informative for the attendees.

Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)

- *Head Start (HS)/Early Head Start (EHS) Grantee Updates*
 - Vaccination Mandates: the Biden Administration has announced vaccination mandates for federal workers, *Head Start programs*, and employers with more than 100 employees. The Central Office of Head Start (OHS) is currently working on guidance for how local grantees in states should comply with this directive. A Region 9 leadership conversation about this issue occurred in September and another will take place in October featuring grantees who have vaccination mandate policies in place.
 - In-person Closures: The current expectation from OHS is that all programs will be at full enrollment and providing comprehensive services in-person by January 2022. Unfortunately, the increased number of COVID-19 cases statewide has resulted in the temporary closures of many in-person classrooms on all islands. HCAP Head Start on Oahu went to full virtual services as of September 1, 2021 until public health conditions improve.
 - Pre-Plus meetings were held in September for HCAP and PACT staff about contract expectations for SY 2021-2022. Fourteen (14) Pre-Plus sites operate on HIDOE campuses on Oahu and Hawaii Island.
- *Collaboration with State Partners*
 - Plans continue to be coordinated for a listening session with EC stakeholders and the HIDOE Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program (now targeted for early November) to identify ways American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds can be used to increase the enrollment of B-5 children experiencing homelessness into early care and education programs and settings.
 - The Infant Early Childhood Behavioral Health Plan (IECBH) plan Advisory Committee continues to work on first steps implementation efforts. A plan implementation Coordinator position has been established through braided funding, and interviews for that position will take place on October 4th and 5th.

Communications

- *COVID-19 PSA*
 - EOEL continues to work with contractor Hyperspective and state agency partners, DHS and DOH, on a COVID-19 vaccination public service announcement. Hyperspective has provided our project team with four concepts. We are currently awaiting specific feedback from DOH as the lead public health organization to finalize scripts. From here, Hyperspective will develop storyboards and begin animation.

