

EOEL Updates for the Early Learning Board Meeting October 8, 2020

2020 Legislation

- 1) EOEL is still awaiting funds for the classroom-level positions (direct instructional staff for the EOEL Public Pre-K Program) that the Governor has promised to restore. EOEL is fronting the funds in the meantime.
- 2) H.B. No. 1346 (suspension and expulsion in the EOEL Public Pre-K Program)
 - Enacted as Act 24, Session Laws of Hawaii 2020.
- 3) H.B. No. 2543 (access to early learning bill in joint House-Senate-Governor package)
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Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five (PDG B-5) Initial Grant

- **Needs Assessment (Activity 1)**
 - Another reminder that the [reports](#) are live on the EOEL website, under the “Resources” tab. Please share.
- **Strategic Planning (Activity 2)**
 - Content approved Strategic Implementation Plans, Summaries and supporting documents are uploaded to EOEL Website. Strategic Implementation Plans, Summaries, and Flyers are in graphic design; the concepts are to be finalized and will replace what has been posted.
 - Planning for champion reengagement is close to being finalized. As next steps, champions can expect a survey and presentation of our approach on October 5th. Following with an invitation to a kick-off virtual engagement session to all champions in October, we are considering holding the engagements on either Friday the 23rd or Thursday the 29th of this month.
- **Maximizing Family Choice and Knowledge (Activity 3)**
 - **Transition Toolkit.** Completed engagement of transition supports workgroup members as content-area experts to review toolkit, the responses have been reviewed and toolkit was positively received by those who did provide feedback. Next steps are to incorporate feedback and hire a graphic designer.
- **Sharing Best Practices among Early Care and Education Providers (Activity 4)**
 - **Resiliency and Wellness Toolkit.** The creation of the Resiliency and Wellness Toolkit creation and design of webinars have been completed. Webinars have been scheduled. Contract extension with KAHA will end October 30th.
- **Improving Overall Quality (Activity 5)**
 - A request for quotes will be posted to secure vendor to design and develop a website to house EC state Plan-related resources, including the EC Comprehensive Needs Assessment, EC Strategic Implementation Plan, EC

Community of Practices Framework, Resilience and Wellness Training Modules, etc. Next steps are to collect necessary items for contractor to start project when hired.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- **DOE Department Schools**
 - EOEL has been providing coaching, consultation, and guidance for the classroom teaching staff. Professional Community sessions for administrators and teachers/EAs, as well as Professional Learning Communities work for teachers and EAs will begin this month.

- **DOE Department Schools – Privately funded Pre-K**
 - We continue to work with Kamehameha Schools and the DOE to develop a MOA for School Year 2020-2021 for 6 classrooms.

- **Charter Schools – programs for 3-year-olds**
 - MOA between EOEL and Kamehameha Schools for Ka ‘Umeke Kā‘eo Kai Koholā Preschool for SY2020-2021 is no longer required. Under Act 046 (SLH 2020) the Hawaii State Public Charter School Commission has administrative authority for private partnership-funded preschool programs in the charter schools.

Head Start State Collaboration Office

- **Memoranda of Understanding**

EOEL:

 - The MOU between EOEL and Head Start grantees is to support the coordination and collaboration around 4-year-old programming across the state
 - Status: Document was distributed to HS directors on 9/18 after receiving the AG’s approval as to form and Lauren’s signature on signatory pages
 - Targeting a meeting in November between EOEL and HS Directors to review implementation

- **Grant Activities**
 - Approval of a request to carry over unobligated 2019-2020 funds is pending
 - Working on 2020-2021 work plan deliverables

- **Miscellaneous**
 - Continue to co-convene ECAS Team 4 Infant/Toddler and Child Homelessness sub-committees
 - Continue to attend community partner and advisory committee meetings as scheduled

Recruitment for EOEL Positions

No current recruitment

Note: To be “posted internally” means applications will be accepted from individuals who are currently DOE employees. If candidates are not hired through the internal process, the position may be posted externally (i.e., may become available to non-DOE employees).

EOEL Resources

As a reminder, following are some of the resources we’ve created with ELB’s support for EOEL as an information hub as part of its responsibility to coordinate the early childhood system. Please share widely with your networks.

- COVID-19 Resources for Families & Providers:
<https://sites.google.com/eoel.hawaii.gov/covid-19/home>
- EOEL’s “Little Ones” e-newsletter: sign up on EOEL’s COVID-19 resources page.