

EOEL Updates for the Early Learning Board Meeting November 12, 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.

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

- **Strategic Planning (Activity 2)**
 - The deadline to complete this activity has been extended through December 30, 2020. The additional time will be used to graphically treat, print and distribute the final version of the plans and its supporting documents. Content-approved versions of the Strategic Implementation Plans, and supporting documents can be found on the EOEL website and will be replaced when graphic treatment is complete.
 - Champions were virtually convened on October 30th. Approximately two-thirds of those who have committed to being Champions were represented; however, all Champions have committed to participation in future meetings. In phase 2 of the re-engagement process Champions will review the SIP Objectives (with consideration given to COVID-19, Act 46, and changes to organizational capacities) while determining where to focus their energies in the next 6-12 months. They are also encouraged during this phase, to develop timelines for priority actions and discuss how best to engage partners.
- **Maximizing Family Choice and Knowledge (Activity 3)**
 - **Transition Toolkit.** Vendors have submitted proposals for graphic design of the transition toolkit. Next steps include selection of a vendor, the execution of a contract, and completion of the graphic design process. The toolkit will be shared via the website referenced in Activity 5.
- **Sharing Best Practices among Early Care and Education Providers (Activity 4)**
 - The tasks within this activity have been completed as of October 30, 2020 and included:
 - Providing technical assistance to a cohort of early childhood and community partners to promote trauma-informed care strategies within their community.
 - Supporting the creation of webinars and training modules to promote the use of culturally competent trauma-informed care strategies to early childhood care and education providers in the four recognized settings.

- Developing a Community of Practice (CoP) Manual for Facilitators in order to support our state's capacity to support the creation of CoPs for early childhood and community partners.
- **Improving Overall Quality (Activity 5)**
 - A vendor has been secured to design and develop a website to house EC state plan and PDG B-5 related resources which includes but is not limited to the EC Comprehensive Needs Assessment, EC Strategic Implementation Plan, EC Community of Practice Framework, and Resilience and Wellness Training Modules.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- **National Institute for Early Education (NIEER) 2020 State of Preschool Yearbook**
 - EOEL is once again participating in the NIEER's State of Preschool Survey. Based on this national survey, NIEER will complete its 18th State of Preschool report and publish its 2020 State of Preschool Yearbook (reflecting school year 2019-2020). The report, which is supported by Heising-Simons Foundation and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, helps to advance early education as state and national priorities.
 - The results of the 2020 report will reflect that the EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program met all 10 NIEER Benchmarks for High-Quality Pre-K for SY 19-20. Currently, there are only 4 states who have met all 10 benchmarks. The program met 8 out of 10 benchmarks in SY 2018-19.
- **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.

Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)

- **Memoranda of Understanding**
 - We are targeting a meeting in November between EOEL and HS Directors to review implementation around coordination and collaboration in serving at risk 4-year olds.
 - Hawaii will be participating with 13 other state teams to develop MOUs between HSSCO and HS Associations.
- **Grant Activities**
 - HSSCO continues to address the 2020-2021 work plan deliverables.
 - The Office is the planning phase of submitting a new 5-year grant application to the federal Office of Head Start.
- **Miscellaneous**
 - We are coordinating a breakout session for the upcoming November 18-19, 2020 Homeless Awareness Conference to focus on partnerships to connect more B-5 keiki with needed services and resources

Recruitment for EOEL Positions

No current recruitment

EOEL Resources

As a reminder, the following are some of the resources we have 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.