

EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, August 12, 2021
(as of August 6, 2021)

2021 Legislation

- *Bills Enacted*
 - H.B. 1362 (Amendments to Act 046) was enacted on July 6, 2021 as Act 210.
 - S.B. 1284 (ELB composition) was enacted on July 1, 2021 as Act 173.
 - H.B. 200 (the Executive Budget) was enacted on June 25, 2021 as Act 088.
 - H.B. 1322 (Trauma informed care) was enacted on July 6, 2021 as Act 209.
 - H.B. 512 (SNAP incentives) was enacted on July 2, 2021 as Act 177.

EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program

- *DOE Schools*
 - The Memorandum of Agreement between EOEL and HIDOE for School Year 2021-2022 was executed on 7/13/2021.
 - COVID Guidance Summary for SY 2021-2022
 - Wearing of masks.
 - Handwashing when entering the room, when leaving a learning center/area and before entering another learning center/area, and before joining group activities.
 - 6-ft. distancing during meals and rest/nap time when children cannot wear masks.
 - Importance of vaccination.
 - Application Update
 - As of August 6, 2021:
 1. Total applications received: 534
 2. Total applications approved: 446
 3. Maximum enrollment (current): 393 seats
 - Comparison with previous years of applications received:

| SY 18-19 | SY 19-20 | SY 20-21 | SY 21-22 |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| as of 7/31/18 | as of 7/31/19 | as of 7/31/20 | as of 7/31/21 |
| 602 | 603 | 514 | 534 |

- *Evaluation Study and Professional Learning on Evaluation Research*
 - UHM College of Education is conducting an evaluation study of the professional learning support within our program. This is a formative evaluation with a built-in professional learning component for the Pre-K Team to engage in action research and build the team’s capacity to design and conduct ongoing formative and developmental evaluation research in order to improve the quality of professional learning provided through the EOEL Early Learning Academy.

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

- *PDG B-5 Final Report to Secretary*
 - Hawaii has submitted its Final Report to the Secretary to the Administration for Children and Families on July 30, 2021. Upon submittal, Hawaii has completed all grant requirements and responsibilities related to the PDG B-5 2018 award. Project staff extends appreciation for the work that ELB and all other partners that provided support with the PDG B-5 grant.
- *2021 PDG B-5 All State Virtual Convening Announcement-October 2021*
 - We continue to encourage ELB members to complete [this survey](#) to provide feedback on which topics we should consider prioritizing for our state and to collect information from those who may be interested in attending. For more information regarding the virtual convening, [visit this site](#).

Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)

- *HS/EHS Grantees Updates*
 - The 2021-2022 school year has begun for most of the Head Start (HS)/Early Head Start (EHS) programs, with most of their services provided in-person. August to December 2021 is a “ramping up” period for programs, with the expectation that all programs will be at full enrollment and all comprehensive services provided in-person by January 2022. HS/EHS programs anticipate serving 2,285 preschoolers and just under 700 pregnant women, infants and toddlers this school year.
- *Collaboration with State Partners*
 - An “Office Hours” event was held with District Education Specialists and DOE 619 Coordinators to support better understanding of HS and inclusion services, describe the various HIDOE/HS partnerships in place, and discuss reopening plans on DOE campuses. The meeting was recorded and made available for those who could not attend on July 22nd.
 - There are plans to schedule a listening session with EC stakeholders and the HIDOE Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program to identify ways the 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.