**EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, October 13, 2022**

(as of October 7, 2022)

**Legislative Updates**

* In the next coming months, departments will be meeting with the Governor’s office to discuss Legislative Proposals and Fiscal requests. EOEL will keep the board updated as decisions are made.

**EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program**

* 2022 National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educator’s Conference in tandem with the 2022 National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference in Washington, D.C.
  + Co-presentating with Dr. Michael Cheang and Robyn Chun from the University of Hawaiʻi at Mānoa: *University and State Agency Collaborations to Build Evaluation Research Capacity in a Statewide Pre-K Program*.
* EOEL Public Pre-K Program data submitted to the National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) as part of the *2022 State of Preschool Yearbook*. NIEER plans to release the the yearbook in March 2023.
* We are currently collecting Quarter 1 application and enrollment data from schools.

**Early Childhood State Plan and PDG B-5**

* [*2023 Preschool Development Renewal Grant Funding Opportunity*](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=340965)
  + EOEL greatly appreciates the feedback and willingness of our community to share their ideas. We will keep you updated on the status of the application and want to reiterate that any projects or ideas shared are for informational purposes only; they are not guaranteed to become funded activities of the grant.
  + We anticipate grant information will be released in early September and will keep the board updated.
* *PDG B-5 Annual Convening*
  + 2022 PDG B-5 Annual Convening will be held virtually December 6 –8, 2022 rather than in-person in November. The Convening will focus on three topic areas: workforce; diversity, equity, and inclusion; and sustainability. Part of each day of the Convening will include state panels in which states and territories can share their work in one of these topic areas with the PDG B-5 community.
* *Ongoing Work:*
  + Systems Visualization Workshop with National PDG B-5 Technical Assistance Center: A Hawaii team of interested partners have completed 3 of 4 workshops. The fourth and last workshop will be held on September 22.

**Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSSCO)**

* Head Start/Early Head Start Directors participated on August 31st in a focus group on Act 46 convened by EOEL and DHS to provide feedback about implications the Act will have and possible recommendations to consider.
* The annual Office of Head Start Region 9 “Family Engagement and Cultural Responsiveness” Conference will be held in Kona from October 18-21. Please contact Ben Naki or Chris Jackson if you would like more information about this event.
* The Head Start Association of Hawaii Board of Directors will be conducting their annual retreat on the 18th in person in Kona.

**PDG B-5 Grant Opportunity**

* On October 3, EOEL convened a group of state agencies who are interested in partnering for the current opportunity
  + Grant Leads (co-leads) : EOEL and P20
  + PI and Fiscal Agent : P20
  + Core Team members: Yuuko Arikawa-Cross, Jordana Ferreira, Jeff Larson (EOEL); Lane Tsuchiyama (ELB); Steve Schatz, Kim Guieb (P-20); DHS TBD; Keiko Nitta (DOH); Dr. Lauren Padesky (HIDOE); Deanne Goya (HSPCSC); Dr. Terry Lock (UH)
* The grant is comprised of 6 major activities and includes bonus options:
  + Activity One: Update Comprehensive Statewide, B-5 Needs Assessment
  + Activity Two: Update Statewide B-5 Strategic Plan
  + Activity Three: Maximize Parent and Family Engagement in the B-5 System
  + Activity Four: Support the B-5 Workforce and Disseminate Best Practices
  + Activity Five: Support Program Quality Improvement
  + Activity Six: Subgrants to Enhance Quality and Expand Access to Existing and New Programs
  + Bonus Options
    - Coordinated Application, Eligibility, Enrollment for Families
    - Improving Workforce Compensation
    - Increasing Access to Inclusive Settings
* A virtual meeting with core team members was hosted virtually on October 6, 2022 and the next meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2022.