

**EOEL Updates - for the Early Learning Board Meeting, November 10, 2022**  
(as of November 5, 2022)

**Legislative Updates**

- EOEL is currently awaiting notification of the Governor’s decision regarding the Office’s budget requests, previously approved by the Board. EOEL will notify the board once the decision is received.

**EOEL Public Prekindergarten Program**

- Quarter 1 (as of Sept. 30, 2022): 380 students enrolled
- Applications received as of October 31, 2022: 631

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

- *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 the topic areas with the PDG B-5 community. Registration is now open. **If interested in registering, please email [alohilani.maiava@eoel.hawaii.gov](mailto:alohilani.maiava@eoel.hawaii.gov), registration closes December 2.**
- *Ongoing Work:* “Planting the Profession, Healthy Kids, Healthy Future: building an Early Childhood Education Community of Practice”, a pilot community of practice (COP), held their first two sessions on Oct 29<sup>th</sup> and Nov 5<sup>th</sup>. In partnership with Department of Health, Chaminade University, Early Childhood Action Strategy, Healthy Kids, Healthy Future Technical Assistance Program, and sponsored through the Nemours Children’s Health Grant, this COP is an in-person personal and professional development series with a \$300 stipend award to participants who complete the series and targeted 20 Oahu center-based educators. Facilitators used *The Communities of Practice Framework For Hawai’i* and *Hawaii Early Childhood Community Of Practice Facilitator’s Manual* both developed in May 2020 by the PDG B-5 Initial Grant. EOEL supports the COP by providing facilitation and evaluation resources.

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

- The HHSSCO Director has been supporting the PDG B-5 Core Team in its Renewal Grant application due by November 7, 2022. For the 24 states and territories that currently do not have a Renewal Grant, this is an opportunity to submit a funding application to improve their mixed delivery system (MDS), by focusing particularly on the impact the pandemic has had on children, families and the workforce and how the states resolve to mitigate those impacts.
- A second meeting between the Office of Head Start Region 9 leadership, Yuuko and Chris are scheduled to continue conversations about Hawaii EC priorities and activities and potential alignment with those of Region 9 on November 29, 2022.

- Several HS grant recipients are preparing for federal reviews this SY. Depending on the type of review to be conducted, these may be virtual only, or hybrid, with virtual conversations and on-site classroom visits and meetings with administration, parents and partners.
- The HHSSCO Director and HS/EHS directors will be working together on a 2022 HS fact sheet highlighting how COVID relief dollars have been used to support ongoing comprehensive services during the pandemic. This fact sheet will be shared with key stakeholders and state and community partners in the near future.

Please see [this link](#) to reference the Googledoc presentation