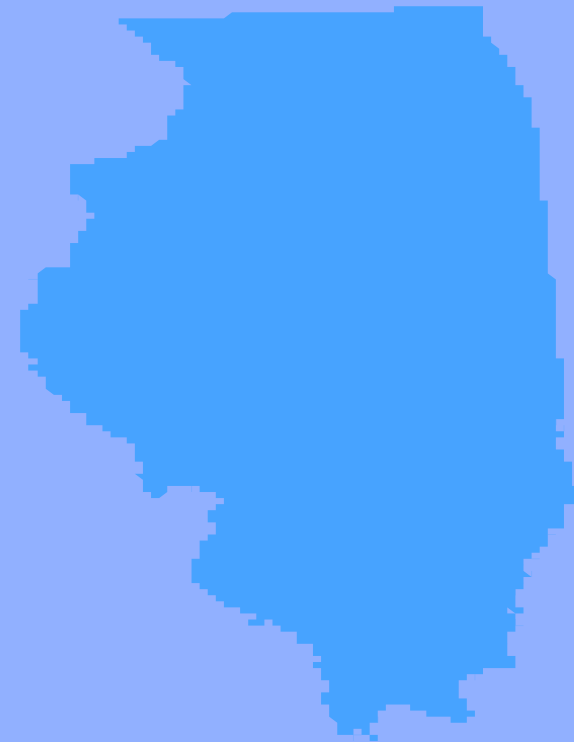




Early Learning Council Transition Meeting

June 7, 2021



Agenda

1. Welcome & Introductions
2. Framing Today's Succession Planning Meeting
3. Status Update: Early Learning Council Appointments
4. Presentation: PDG B-5 & GEER-funded Initiatives that Will Impact the ELC
5. ELC Strategic Focus Areas & Staffing
6. Breakout Groups: ELC Strategic Focus Areas
7. Share & Discuss
8. Discussion: Federal Funding
9. Public Comments & Announcements
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Framing Today's Succession Planning Meeting

Phyllis Glink & Jesse Ruiz

Status Update: ELC Appointments

Phyllis Glink & Jesse Ruiz

Presentation: PDG B-5 & GEER-Funded Initiatives that Will Impact the ELC

Jamilah R. Jor'dan

Analysis & Consultation for the ELC

- Funded with PDG B-5
- Subgrant to Erikson Institute to:
 - Support an analysis of the Illinois Early Learning Council
 - Develop recommendations regarding how the ELC can best support the statutory mandate to advise the Governor on early learning and development programs, policies, and initiatives
 - Recommendations will also address:
 - Equity
 - Structure
 - Leadership
 - Representation

Analysis of Illinois' State Advisory Councils

- Funded with PDG B-5 at the request of the Early Childhood Leadership Team
- Subgrant to Erikson Institute to:
 - Conduct an analysis of Illinois' advisory councils across child- and family-serving State Agencies
 - Provide recommendations regarding structural changes, including consolidation to address next phase from the Early Childhood Funding Commission Recommendations and other State priorities
 - These efforts will minimize duplication of mission and vision

Statewide Needs Assessment

- Address data gaps identified through the initial PDG B-5-funded Statewide Needs Assessment (RFSP awarded to American Institutes for Research (AIR))
- Knowledge gaps are typically:
 - Topic-specific, such as a lack of in-depth information on the quality and availability of ECEC services for children in rural areas, or key concerns related to facilities
 - Caused by a lack of coordinated data definitions across program types and funding streams
 - Due to the lack of information about families needs and experiences from their own perspectives
- Prioritize qualitative analysis to better understand how families engage in the system

Statewide Strategic Plan

- Funded by the PDG B-5 grant
- Update the Statewide Strategic Plan (Morten Group)
- Include Funding Commission findings and recommendations
- Strengthen alignment with the Prenatal to Three (PN3) Policy Agenda
- Prioritize incoming federal funding
- Increase racial equity in the early childhood system
- Identify strategic focus areas for the ELC

Transformation Team/Regional & Community Systems

- Funded by PDG B-5 and Governor's Emergency Education Relief Fund II (GEER II)
- Early Childhood Transformation Team (Theresa Hawley)
 - Address recommendations in the Funding Commission Report (with support from Afton Partners)
 - Direct proposed design changes to Illinois' funding mechanisms and governance structure
 - Plan for a new ECEC funding formula and grant mechanisms
 - Design and stand up the Regional and Community Systems
 - Director of Regional & Community Systems (INCCRRA)
 - 38 Regional Planning Councils (at geography ROEs)
 - 40-70 Community Collaborations

ELC Strategic Focus Areas & Staffing

Phyllis Glink, Jesse Ruiz & Jamilah R. Jor'dan

Breakout Groups: ELC Strategic Focus Areas

Breakout Discussion Groups

Community Agreements

- Everyone is responsible for creating a supportive space for a productive conversation.
- Respect: Time. Voice. Topic.
- Conclude with agreed upon take-aways to share with the full group.

Breakout Discussion Groups

Logistics & Technical Support

- You will automatically be placed into a group.
- ELC Leadership & GOECD staff are assigned to each group to facilitate.
- All attendees are encouraged to participate in the discussion.
- When the time is up, you will be automatically returned to the main room.

Share & Discuss

Discussion: Federal Funding

Public Comments & Announcements

Closing Comments & Adjourn