



# Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) and Provider Supports Subcommittee Special Webinar

## Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2023 – 1:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

### Welcome, Virtual Meeting Protocols and Introductions

DCYF Community Engagement Manager Eric LaFontaine welcomed attendees, walked through virtual meeting protocols, and initiated introductions.

### Early Childhood Equity Grants

DCYF Child Care Grants Coordinator Katie Szymanowski provided an overview of the first round of Early Childhood Equity Grants, in addition to the next steps for the next round.

- [Early Childhood Equity Grants Presentation](#)

<b>Discussion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the makeup of the grant review team? Can you share if the members are culturally and geographically diverse? What is the racial breakdown? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ I don't have the racial breakdown review team handy but can follow up with that information.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Can you please remind me how the grant review team was recruited? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We used our ally organizations who helped us in the Liberatory Design beginning process to host design teams to collaborate with providers. From groups like Voices of Tomorrow, Childcare Aware of Washington, Imagine Institute, and One America we solicited names of individuals to serve on a community review panel and ensured it was diverse both racially and geographically.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Is the award amount the same for Home based care as for Centers? Did this relate to the number of children? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No, the award amount was based on the program/provider request.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Some family home providers also have the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) program; were these grants exclusive for ECEAP in school districts or can it be included in ECEAP home daycares? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We had some late-breaking changes to ECEAP eligibility. Any site that was both licensed and ECEAP applied through the license. Sites that were only ECEAP applied through the ECEAP contractor. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The application asks if you are an ECEAP program, home provider, or center. I have a home daycare but I also have ECEAP so when I fill out the application do I need to select both? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are a licensed program, you would be applying through the WA Compass Provider Portal. It should not ask what type of program you have; you should not have to answer that question.</li> <li>• It's possible you might have gone to the application outside of WA Compass that was focused on ECEAP-only sites that do not have a license and on play and learn programs.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• How much was the total amount of the grants? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ For the first round, we had 1.7 million</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Looking at the turnout today, this in no way represents either ELAC or Provider Supports. I think it would be good for you to come to an ELAC or Provider Supports meeting and ask these questions for more representation.</li> </ul>
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- Thank you very much for this feedback, we will follow up.
- Is Child Care Aware of WA one of your partners that you will be soliciting feedback from and how is that going to happen?
  - I do believe they are one of our allies and will be involved.
- When you're sending provider surveys, is that just for providers, or will it also go out to ELAC members and partners to get more specific feedback?
  - This is the very first step in this refinement process so we're still working out the specifics. As we develop the survey we'll take a look at who the audience needs to be. I think the intent of the survey specifically is to gather feedback directly from providers. However, I know that many ELAC members are also providers and I don't believe they would be excluded from this.
    - I feel we have more information than the typical provider regarding the grant process. Is there going to be something in place to give them additional information before the next steps are taken?
      - I think that is something that we'll need to take into consideration when we put together our next steps so thank you for that feedback.