

Board Action Summary

AGENDA ITEM [ALYSSA WILL FILL IN]

Summary of Recommended Board Action

ACTION: Final Adoption of Preschool Promise Administrative Rules

ISSUE: The Early Learning Division is currently engaged in work to implement the Preschool Promise program enacted by the Legislature in 2015. Part of implementation will include promulgation of Oregon Administrative Rules to govern the program.

The purpose of the rules is to define key terms, describe eligibility criteria, and to assist Hubs and preschool providers in the implementation and operation of Preschool Promise program services. The rules describe the standards for the establishment and operation of preschool services under the Preschool Promise program.

The Rules Advisory Committee considered a number of policy areas related to the program. Additional consideration was given to implementation and administration of the Preschool Promise Program. The Committee held a number of discussions on administration of waivers as provided for in the legislation, and developed draft principles to guide waiver decisions. The principles were advanced to the Council and were adopted at the Council's March 16 meeting. Other areas of Committee focus was utilization of existing systems such as licensing to ensure health and safety, the QRIS to support achieving quality in programs, and the Oregon Registry to support and document professional development.

ACTION PRECEDING RECOMMENDED BOARD ADOPTION: The Early Learning Council formed an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee to provide input and feedback to Division staff in implementation of the program. Division staff have also been guided by community and stakeholder engagement received through community engagement sessions held throughout Oregon and with diverse communities.

The Child Care and Education Committee (CCEC), serving as the Council's Rules Advisory Committee, held a number of discussions between December 2015 and March 2016 regarding administrative rules for the program.

The Child Care and Education Committee considered draft rule language at its March 10 meeting and submitted proposed recommended rule language and a summary of the Committee discussion to the Council.

The Early Learning Council had its first reading of the Preschool Promise Administrative Rules on March 16, 2016.

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