

Equity Implementation Committee Membership Recommendations

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The Equity Implementation Committee is chartered to educate the Early Learning Council (ELC) on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to implementing the [equity recommendations](#) adopted by the Council on March 18, 2015. They are chartered to create an evidence-based, data driven plan relating to aligning early learning policy and practice with the equity lens, with a focus on culturally responsive practice, operating systems and data/resource allocation. The committee will assist the ELC in understanding equity issues from a data standpoint to help the ELC:

1. Actualize this information in setting policy for the early learning system.
2. Celebrate diversity.

The following expertise will be sought to fill seats on the Committee:

Three (3) seats: Parents of children between the ages of 0 and 6.

Three (3) seats: Leadership of culturally specific organizations that serve populations of children and families experiencing disparities in early education or health.

One (1) seat: A researcher with expertise in early learning and/or equity and inclusion.

Two (2) seats: Early learning providers who work with populations of children who typically experience disparities early in life.

Two (2) seats: A representative from the health sector and a representative from human services.

One (1) seat: A representative of the tribal Government-to-Government Education Cluster.

Two (2) seats: K-12 professionals.

Three (3) seats: Representatives of the Early Learning Council.

Membership Recommendations

The Equity Implementation Committee is comprised of the following members:

Parents (Three Seats):

VACANCY (3)

Leaders of Culturally-Specific Organizations (Four Seats):

Francisca Perez, Early Childhood Coordinator, Adelante Mujeres

Joyce Harris, Community Engagement Manager, Education Northwest

Sadie Feibel Holmes, Director of Early Childhood Programs, Latino Network

VACANCY

Early Learning Researcher (One Seat):

Richard Hines Norwood, Urban League of Portland

Early Learning Providers (Four Seats):

Cade Burnette, Child & Family Services Director/Hub Coordinator, Head Start

Carmen Ellis, Training Coordinator, Multnomah CCR&R

Nicole Briggs, Family & Health Services Supervisor, OCDC

Rashelle Hibbard, QRIS Coordinator, Peninsula Children's Learning Center

Health Sector (One Seat):

VACANCY

Human Services Sector (One Seat):

VACANCY

Tribal Government Cluster (One Seat):

VACANCY

K-12 Professional (Two Seats):

Lennie Bjornsen, Director of Student and Family Supports, Gladstone School District

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Early Learning Council Members:

Charles McGee

Lynne Saxton

Eva Rippeteau