**Engaging other sectors in developing a strategic plan for the early learning system**

Over the course of the spring, the ELC will devote 2-3 hours of each meeting to engage with all of the sectors. Each engagement session will include: (1) representation from the lead agency (e.g., OHA for health); (2) key community partners (e.g., CCOs as a health community-partner); and (3) representation from Early Learning Hubs. A sample timeline and breakdown of these sessions is attached for reference.

The purpose of these engagement sessions will be to:

1. Deepen the ELC’s understanding of these sectors, particularly the status of programs serving children birth-five and their families.
2. Identify key goals and outcome measures of the sector
3. Identify key priorities of the sector
4. Identify key initiative within the sector
5. Identify barriers to achieving the priorities
6. Identify what each sector needs from the other sectors in order to achieve the priorities
7. Identify what levers the ELC has to support the achievement of these goals, the removal of barriers and stronger cross-sector integration of the work

Within the three goals of the early learning system:

* Children arrive at school ready to succeed.
* Children live in healthy, stable and attached families.
* The early learning system is aligned, coordinated and family-centered.

# Lead Agencies

***Background Information – Submitted in Writing***

* + - 1. What are the key outcomes that impact young children and families that you are focused on?
      2. What are your agency’s current key strategies for achieving these outcomes?
      3. Who are your key partners (both inside and outside of government) for achieving these outcomes?
      4. What are the key barriers for achieving these outcomes?

***Discussion with the Early Learning Council***

* + - 1. What do you see as the missing strategies?

1. What do you most need from other sectors to be able to achieve these outcomes?
2. What supports/services/resources do you see young children and their families needing in order to thrive that they are not getting?
3. What are your agencies highest priorities going into the 2019 session (if you are able to speak to that at this time)?
4. What can the Early Learning Council do to help your agency be successful in achieving these outcomes and implementing the key strategies?
5. What’s working well that we should retain as we decide on new strategies?

# Community Partners

***Background Information – Submitted in Writing***

* + - 1. What are the key outcomes that impact young children and families that you are focused on?
      2. What are your key strategies for achieving these outcomes?
      3. Who are your key partners (both inside and outside of government) for achieving these outcomes?
      4. What are the key barriers in your work with young children and their families?

***Discussion with the Early Learning Council***

1. What supports/services/resources you see young children and their families needing in order to thrive that they are not getting?
2. What do you most need from other sectors/partners to be able to successfully support the children and families that you work with?
3. What can the Early Learning Council do to help you be successful in supporting your work with young children and families?
4. What’s on your “wish list” for the legislature?
5. What’s working well that we should retain as we decide on new strategies?

# Early Learning Hubs

***Background Information – Submitted in Writing***

1. What are [health, family support, education] outcomes your Hub has focused on?
2. What are the resources/support/services families in your community are most in need of in order to achieve this outcome?
3. What are your Hub’s key strategies for helping young children and families reach these outcomes?
4. Who are your key community partners for implementing these strategies?
5. Who are the key state/public sector partners for implementing strategies?

***Discussion with the Early Learning Council***

1. What have been the biggest barriers to implementing these strategies?
2. What are the support/resources/assistance that would be most helpful to your Hub in implementing these strategies?
3. What do you see as the greatest opportunities for cross-sector partnerships to support young children & families around [health, family support, education]?
4. What’s working well that we should retain as we decide on new strategies?

# Families & Parents

Frame questions so parents think about providers in all 4 “systems” including basic needs (food, housing, etc.) in responding to these questions.

*Priority Questions*

1. What or who is supporting you to be successful as a parent?
2. Where do you go for information about parenting?
3. What are some of the biggest challenges you face as a parent in your community?
4. What resources are missing or hard to access?
5. What supports have been most useful to you as a parent?
6. When it comes to parenting, what do you wish were available to you?
7. What supports are most helpful to you in preparing your children for K?
8. What organizations or providers do you work most closely with in your communities?
9. What is most important to you when you are looking for care for your child?

# Advocates & Philanthropy

***Background Information – Submitted in Writing***

1. What region(s) of the state does your organization focus on or work in?
   1. If statewide, does your organization have a regional “network” that either does or could collaborate with our Early Learning Hubs?
2. What work is your organization doing to advance cross-sector collaboration to help develop an early learning system – or “to get children ready for K and support families in doing so”?
3. What are the outcomes in prenatal-5 that you are most focused on?
4. What are the strategies that you have been most focused on to achieve those outcomes?
5. Who have been your key community partners in this work?
6. What is your relationship with Early Learning Hubs?

***Discussion with Early Learning Council***

1. How can the Council and your organization work together to achieve system transformation?
2. What is your “wish list” for the legislature for 2019?
3. What’s working well that we should retain as we decide on new strategies?