

Proposed Committee Roles in ELC Strategic Planning

Goal: The Early Learning Council wants to engage as many stakeholders as possible throughout this strategic planning process. As such, the goal is that committees will utilize the expertise of their members to help the Division and cross-sector partners identify the appropriate stakeholders to engage the Early Learning Council and assist in the development and review of strategic plan goals throughout the planning process.

Best Beginnings

Current Charge: Advise the Early Learning Council on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to serving at risk families who are pregnant and/or have children age of 3 years old or under. Areas of responsibility include, but not limited to advising on: access to and quality of home-based services; collaborative cross-sector work between Prenatal to 3 services and regional hubs.

Proposed Role in Strategic Planning: Advise ELD staff in coordinating stakeholder engagement with OHA during cross-sector strategic planning. Identify additional stakeholders to involve throughout the planning process. Help develop draft strategic planning goals and strategies related to the health sector, prenatal to 3 services and home visiting supports within the early learning system.

Child Care & Education Committee

Current Charge: Advise the Early Learning Council (ELC) on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to affordable, quality child care and early education programs in Oregon, to provide outreach and act as a liaison between citizens and the ELC through community forums and surveys to engage parents, early care and education providers and union representatives and to prioritize outcome based policies for child care and early education issues related to quality, affordability and system coordination.

Proposed Role in Strategic Planning: Advise ELD staff in coordinating stakeholder engagement with during cross-sector strategic planning. Identify additional stakeholders to involve throughout the planning process, particularly to increase provider voice. Help-develop draft strategic planning goals and strategies related to early care and education sector of the early learning system.

Equity Implementation Committee

Current Charge: The Equity Implementation Committee is chartered to educate and provide leadership for the Early Learning Council (ELC) on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to implementing the equity recommendations for children and families furthest from opportunity, originally 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 programmatic and social standpoint to support the ELC in:

1. Actualize issues of disparity in setting policy for the early learning system.
2. Recognize the value that diversity brings to the early learning environment and acknowledging the benefits of self-worth, empathy and success that it brings to all children.
3. Champion closure of development, opportunity and achievement gaps for young children and their families.

Proposed Role in Strategic Planning: Advise ELD staff in identifying stakeholders to involve in the planning process, ensuring diverse perspectives representative of all Oregonians. In particular, offer guidance for community engagement

to increase the participation of parents and families throughout the planning process. Review and provide feedback on draft strategic planning goals and strategies resulting from cross-sector engagement sessions utilizing the Oregon Equity Lens and ELC guiding principles.

Measuring Success Committee

Current Charge: Advise the Early Learning Council on the issues, challenges, successes and priorities related to measuring the success of the early learning system and ensuring equitable outcomes for all children, including but not limited to the Early Learning Hubs.

Proposed Role in Strategic Planning: Develop child and family long-term outcomes, mid-term indicators, and measures of system strategies as part of the early learning system dashboard. Review draft strategic planning goals and strategies resulting from cross-sector engagement sessions and outside stakeholder engagement opportunities in developing the dashboard.

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