



Washington State Department of  
**Early Learning**

Early Learning Plan  
Update to the QEC  
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*Kids' Potential, Our Purpose*



## Our continuing process

- ❑ Intensive meetings/writing/rewriting
- ❑ Series of community town hall meetings, smaller presentations
  - △ October 28, Seattle
  - △ October 29, Tacoma
  - △ October 29, Silverdale
  - △ November 4, Bellingham
  - △ November 5, Kirkland
  - △ November 6, Vancouver
  - △ November 7, Seattle
  - △ November 10, Statewide K-20 Network Meeting
  - △ November 12, Spokane
  - △ Others to be scheduled



## Our draft initiatives

- ❑ Due to be completed this month (November 2009)
- ❑ Due to Governor Gregoire December 1, 2009



# Early Learning Plan near-term policy position priorities

- ❑ Early literacy
- ❑ Full-day kindergarten
- ❑ Voluntary universal pre-k for 4-year-olds implemented in mixed-delivery system
- ❑ Birth to 3 continuum
- ❑ Health insurance and medical home
- ❑ Strengthen partnerships with families
- ❑ Support and resources for QRIS
- ❑ Enhance/strengthen early learning system infrastructure



## Early learning: Data for discussion

### ▣ 2009-2010 school year

#### ▣ Kindergarten:

- ▣ 74,000 eligible
- ▣ All-day kindergarten state-funded implementation = 21% of poorest schools statewide
- ▣ 15,657 eligible kindergartners receiving all-day kindergarten
- ▣ Some of these are not at-risk, but attend high-poverty schools



## Early learning: Data for discussion (cont'd)

### ▣ 4-year-olds

- ▣ 79,000 eligible (at risk or high-poverty)
- ▣ Head Start slots in WA, 2008 = 7,300
- ▣ Current ECEAP slots = 5,840 (after 2% reduction—173 slots)
- ▣ New Head Start slots = about 100
- ▣ Preschool disabled = 4,800

