

TO: The QEC
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RE: Update on the Early Learning Plan

Since the last report to QEC, the Drafting Team and the ELAC have:

- ▣ Refined the focus for the Recommendations to the Governor

It is important to address both the Governor’s directive “to develop a broad proposal about what early learning opportunities should be available to every child and their families” and the need to close the preparation gap in children.

- ▣ All children

AND

- ▣ Priority for reducing the preparation gap in children

We are using a tiered approach to identify supports, services and programs that should be available to all who wish to access them; and identifying supports, services and program for at-risk children and families (some and few) as the first focus of a phased-in, comprehensive early learning plan.

- ▣ Expanded the process to include:

- ▣ Sub groups focusing on:

- Policy
- Finance
- Meaningful Engagement and Diversity
- Indicators

- ▣ Three phases to outreach:

- Now – Oct. 15, Share foundational pieces
- Oct 15 – Nov. 11, Draft Recommendations
- Jan. 2010 – March 15, Draft ELP

- ▣ We will have draft products posted on www.del.wa.gov this week for public comments! Please comment.