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EYELI Stakeholders

Apple Valley Broadcasting
Casey Family Programs
CFCS
CWCMMH
Children's Village
Circle of Success
City of Yakima
Department of Early Learning
DSHS/Children and Family Services
Diocese of Yakima
EPIC
ESD 105
For a Better Tomorrow
Heritage University
La Casa Hogar
Memorial Foundation
New Vision
Northwest Communities Education
Center/Radio KDNA
Opportunities Industrialization
Center of Washington
Parent Trust for Washington
Children
People for People
State Board of Education
Toppenish School District
Triumph Treatment Center
United Way of Yakima County
Washington State Migrant Council
Yakima County Community Services
Yakima Downtown Rotary
Yakima Health District
Yakima Neighborhood Health
Yakima Police Department
Yakima School District
Yakima Schools Foundation
Yakima Southeast Community
Center
Yakima Southwest Rotary
Yakima Sunrise Rotary
Yakima Family YMCA
Yakima Valley Community College
Yakima Valley Community
Foundation
Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic
Yakima Valley Memorial
Hospital
Yakima Valley Regional Library

East Yakima Early Learning Initiative (EYELI) is 8 months old and thriving!

Governance:

In January, stakeholders were asked to nominate people who had expertise and experience in specific work group areas to help develop the business plan for the model early learning project. Those work group areas were: Data Management, Perinatal and Infant/Toddler, Preschool (ages 3–5), Professional Development, Integrated Services, Parent and Family Support, Philanthropic/Business/Communications, and Facilities and Construction. In addition, they were asked to nominate “members-at-large” to form an executive committee.

A ballot was developed and sent out to each stakeholder with one vote per work group. The person receiving the most votes in a work group, with his/her acceptance and the acceptance of his/her CEO, became the chairperson of the work group. The others nominated became the work group members. The nominated members-at-large, with diverse additions from key community segments, have formed the EYELI Board.

EYELI Board:

Business: Curtis King, Victor Lara, Doug Picatti, Etoy Alford, Greg Luring, Sonja Dodge, Murray Judge, Velma Perez, Joe Farina, Noel Moxley

East Yakima: Esther Huey, Bob Romero, Rhonda Hauff, Dave Hargreaves, Steve Mitchell, Josh Huizar

Education: Jane Gutting (Chair), Benjamin Soria, Kathleen Ross, Cece Mahre

Health: Rick Linneweh, Carlos Oliveras

Law Enforcement: Bill Almon (Police Volunteer)

Licensed Providers: Linda Murray

Parents: Kim Pualani, Paulette Lopez, Argelia Perez

Philanthropic: Rhonda Dolsen, Pat Temple, Al DeAtley

Work Group Chairs:

Data Management – Vickie Ybarra, Director of Planning and Development, Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

Perinatal and Infant/Toddler – Gail Weaver, Vice President, Continuum of Care, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital

Preschool (ages 3 – 5) – Stacey Drake, Early Learning Director, Toppenish School District

Professional Development – Karri Livingston, Regional Director, Department of Early Learning

Integrated Services – Diane Patterson, Executive Director, Children's Village

Parent and Family Support – Becky Scholl, Executive Director, Early Learning, Yakima School District

Philanthropic/Business/Communication – Anne Caffery, Executive Director, Memorial Foundation

Facilities Planning and Construction – Jake Jundt, Jundt PMC, LLC

Planning activities have been intense since mid-March, with the first draft of the plan expected around the end of May. The Cedar River Group (CRG) will be consulting with the work group chairs as the plan develops. CRG will then be writing the final business plan, for presentation to the funders during the summer. At that point, negotiations will begin as to which parts of the plan will be implemented and when.

Celebrate Yakima for all of the talented people who live here and are building an unparalleled opportunity for the children and Yakima's future!