

# State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council



September 29, 2015  
Council Meeting

# Agenda

- I. Welcome
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- V. Early Learning Updates from OSSE
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# Committee Reports

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- **Program Quality**  
Cecilia Alvarado and Cynthia Davis
- **Data, Needs Assessment and Insights**  
Erin Kupferberg and Dana Jones
- **Finance and Policy**  
Judy Berman and Stacey Collins
- **Early Intervention and Family Support**  
LaToya Smith
- **Health and Well- Being**  
Maria Gomez and Colleen Sonosky
- **Public Private Partnerships**  
Gregory McCarthy and Jennifer Lockwood- Shabat



# **Homeless Initiatives In the District of Columbia**



# **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT NETWORK (QIN)**

# Five Year Goals

- Implement a community-based quality improvement system aligned to the comprehensive, quality standards of EHS (reach 3,300 children in subsidy program currently).
- Invest in adding 1,000 new high-quality EHS slots for children and families where the need is unmet.
- Leverage all available funding sources (local, federal) across District government.
- Ensure that children with high needs have access to these high quality child care slots in their community.

# Key Accomplishments

- Hubs are fully staffed - professional development coaches, education coordinators, family support staff, infant and toddler disability specialists and health and wellness specialists.
- All teachers and caregivers have professional development plans
- Professional development and community of practice sessions are held with center leadership monthly.
- Nine early childhood instructional coaches are supporting 96 teachers in 12 child development centers and ten child development homes.



# Key Accomplishment Continued

- Hubs administered the Office of Head Start (OHS) Health and Safety Screener at each child care partner. Based on needs identified, OSSE requested and additional \$454,350 from OHS to fund minor immediate renovations, repairs and equipment.
- Established the QIN Interagency Steering Committee. The Interagency Steering Committee meets monthly.
- The QIN Steering Committee supports the development of professional development plans for hub and child care partner staff. District agencies are bringing resources directly to the CCP sites.
- Through a partnership with DC Action for Kids, OSSE launched the District of Columbia's Early Learning Quality Improvement Network System Evaluation.



# **Pre-K Enhancement Emergency Rulemaking**

# Purpose of Emergency Rule

- Enhance and expand high quality pre-K programs across the District.
- Establishes procedures to facilitate and distribute funding for Pre-K enhancement and expansion, administered by OSSE, into community based organizations providing high quality pre-K services
- Enable the enhancement of high quality early education programs by maximizing resources through utilization of multiple funding sources.



# **DC Council Early Childhood Legislative Wrap- Up**



# Public Comment

Next SECDCC Meeting  
November 24, 2015  
9:00-10:30a.m.  
Wilson Building  
Room TBD