



Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC)

Feedback Loop

Follow- up items from the June 3 ELAC Meeting

Date: August 5, 2025

Health Consultation and Immunization Registry Access

Do you know if Seattle has included money for mental health consultation in the upcoming education levy?

- Mental health consultation is currently included through other funding streams in Seattle, such as the Child Care Health Team (funded through the city's local tax structure), and the Best Starts for Kids levy, which supports mental health consultation for early learning settings, including Family, Friend, and Neighbor (FFN) care, unlicensed care, and licensed Family Homes.
- The upcoming education levy, the *Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise (FEPP) Levy* goes to the November 2025 ballot for voter consideration. The FEPP Levy supports mental health broadly, but details on consulting services are not spelled out in the publicly available summaries. To learn more about the levy and what's included, visit the following articles from the City of Seattle:
 - Seattle City Council Blog, [*Council approves Families, Education, Preschool, and Promise Levy renewal package for November ballot.*](#)
 - Office of the Mayor Burce Harrell, [*Mayor Harrell Signs Legislation Sending Seattle's Transformative Education Levy to Voters.*](#)

Community Child Care Conversations Update

Regarding OIC's insurance workgroup: when will the insurance workgroup begin and when is the report due?

- The Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC) has contracted with the actuarial firm Davies Group to conduct a study on the availability and affordability of property and liability insurance for various childcare organizations, including childcare centers, group foster homes, child and youth-serving organizations, and child placement services. Allison Krutsinger, Chief Public Affairs Officer, and Emily Arneson, Legal Administrator, met with representatives from Davies and have begun discussing what information DCYF can provide to support the study.
- Providers who are willing to speak with Davies about their experiences with liability insurance availability and cost are encouraged to send their contact information to the Community Engagement inbox at dcyf.communityengagement@dcyf.wa.gov.
- While it is not yet clear whether Davies will contact all interested providers directly, we will forward all inquiries to the Davies team and work with our colleagues to ensure this information is shared with OIC.

Note: Outstanding questions on Staff Qualifications from the July 22 Special Webinar and July 16 Provider Supports meeting will be combined into one Feedback Loop, available by October 7. In the meantime, view the [July 22 Special Webinar recording here.](#)