



Provider Supports Subcommittee Special Webinar on Equity Grants Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2022- 10:30am to 12:00pm
Virtual Meeting

Welcome, Introductions and Sharing Success & Accomplishments

DCYF Deputy Director of Community Engagement Deanna Stewart welcomed attendees and initiated introductions.

DCYF Equity Grant Discussion

DCYF’s Assistant Secretary of Early Learning Nicole Rose, Professional Development Administrator Angela Abrams and Eligibility and Provider Supports Deputy Director Amy Russell provided updates and requested feedback on the DCYF Equity Grants.

- [Fair Start for Kids: Grant Funds](#)
- [Meeting Feedback Responses](#)

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please share what the Liberatory design process is for those who may not know. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Liberatory design process is a co-design process that focuses on developing a solution and approach that centers on advancing equitable processes. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ More information on Liberatory design can be found here. • I like the idea of having the purpose statement. Helps make the grant purpose clearer. • Can you share what the current review process looks like? • Forgot to mention in our group for the design team question.....want to ensure white allied organizations who are also committed to anti-racist work within their early care and education communities do not feel they cannot apply based on the purpose statement. • Will all questions be addressed? If so, how will we be able to see the answers? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ We are still working through that process with the design team, and what that looks like. • Will grants be based on population served rather than just skin color and how we meet children's needs? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ That is a great question and will be followed up on with the design team. • Will the grant recipients be told how to spend funds? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The intent and purpose in legislation does indicate the categories in which the grant is spent, however, feedback is still being requested from this group about how grant money is spent. • A lot of providers have fears about how to utilize funds and are concerned about using them incorrectly. It is important that this barrier is identified. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thank you. By having that technical assistance for providers we can continue working on addressing those fears. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ This fear has been built in to the early learning community and having this meeting and collaborative communication is a great way to change the narrative. • How will DCYF be held accountable and prove equality on their end? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ After this meeting, the design team will review the feedback and follow up with you all. We are also connecting with our office of Racial Equity and Social Justice throughout this process to ensure the process has been completed in an equitable way.
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Closing Remarks and Adjourn

Discussion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information on how to be considered for the Design Team can be found here.
Next Steps/Follow Up	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The next Provider Supports Subcommittee meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2022.