

Provider Supports Subcommittee of the Early Learning Advisory Council (ELAC) Agenda

Date: May 13, 2026

Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Agenda

9 – 9:45 a.m. | Welcome and Meeting Material Review

In honor of Child Care Provider Appreciation Day, Secretary Senn will kick off the morning with opening remarks, recognizing the essential role child care providers play in our communities. The Provider Supports Executive Committee will then lead the committee through a review of the Meeting Minutes, Agency Updates and the Feedback Loop document, including a Provider Appreciation slideshow.

9:45 – 10:35 a.m. | Fire and Life Safety Overview (WA State Fire Marshal's Office)

DCYF welcomes the Washington State Fire Marshal's Office to provide an overview of fire and life safety requirements, including the roles of local and state fire marshals and how these requirements apply to child care settings.

10:35-10:45 am | Fire Safety WACs: Licensing Overview and Public Comment

Building on the previous presentation, DCYF will highlight licensing-related WAC sections connected to fire safety that are currently open for public comment, and provide an overview of what is being proposed.

10:45-11 am | Break

11:00 am- 11:45 am | Staff Qualifications Workgroup Updates

As part of [HB 1648](#), DCYF has been tasked with establishing a Staff Qualifications Workgroup to help improve qualifications requirements and the verification process. Members will receive an update on the establishment of this workgroup and next steps.

11:45-12 pm | Break

12:00- 12:30 pm | Child Welfare Payment Presentation for Input

DCYF's Child Welfare team is working on a guide for child care providers about Child Welfare Payment Transitions, Pitfalls, and Tips. We are attending to gather critical input from providers



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that will inform the guide development. During the meeting we will provide an orientation of the work so far and share a survey link. The survey is how the providers can share their input.

12:30-1:15 pm | Early Learning Budget and Legislative Updates

Members will receive an update on what's on top for early learning this legislative session, including budget considerations and potential impacts on early learning programs.

1:15-2 pm | Monitoring Visit Survey Results & Insights

Members will receive an update from the Licensing Division on findings from the 2025 Child Care Monitoring Visit Survey, which is distributed to providers following their annual monitoring visit. The presentation will highlight key trends, insights, and areas for improvement identified through provider feedback.

2 p.m. | Closing Remarks and Adjourn

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Purpose

The purpose of the group is to discuss and advise on all services around child care; including but not limited to; licensing policy, WAC changes, rules publishing calendar, agency request legislation, administrative concerns, subsidy rules/rates, whole family health, etc.

Essential Racial Equity Questions

- Is this policy, decision or practice good for kids, families and early learning educators of color?
- Do some kids, families and early learning educators benefit more or less than others?
- Do kids, families and early learning educators of color have access, and if not, why?
- What data and information is missing?
- Are there any unintended consequences?

Community Agreements

Provider Supports Subcommittee of ELAC is dedicated to ensuring a safe environment where quality deliberations take place by allowing every individual the opportunity to be heard without censorship or judgement. All input and questions are encouraged and welcomed. Provider Supports Subcommittee of ELAC is committed to listening to the voices of those gathered to work together to provide whole child outcomes for the families of Washington

State. We are responsible for each other's learning. In order to support this process, all participants must agree to be:

- Present
- Brave
- Respectful
- Forward Thinking
- Committed to the WHY? the WHAT? And the HOW?
- Truthful
- An Active Listener
- Open
- A Communication Conduit to Various Communities
- Engaged
- Comfortable with Messy Conversations
- An Advocate for and Agent of Change
- Solution Focused