

Early Childhood Iowa Resources and Funding Component Group Summary

Attempts to meet monthly (did not meet during summer months July- August)

Previous meeting dates: April 14th, May 7th, June 4th

Current Activities:

1. Revised Resources and Funding Work Plan to integrate more communications strategies to increase business involvement for early childhood.
2. Conducted a prioritization analysis of work plan strategies using a high impact/low cost impact model to guide group priorities.
3. Finalizing survey questions for a ***statewide environmental scan on innovative local models of early childhood funding***. The survey will be distributed to early childhood community partners. Survey results will provide insights into creative blending of funding already occurring in communities and plans for sustainable co-investment strategies.
4. Reviewing data from ***statewide fiscal assessment*** concerning early childhood funding at the federal and state level.

Future Plans:

1. Develop a Best Practice Summary based on the local co-investment environmental scan
2. Develop an issue brief from the statewide fiscal assessment to share with the Iowa Empowerment Board, state agency directors, child advocates, and legislators.
3. Develop a business survey to gather feedback from business leaders on engaging them more as investment partners in early childhood.
4. Develop and distribute a Business Tool Kit for communities to build effective public/private partnerships.

The next meeting is September 24, from 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m., Room 142, Lucas Building.