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LEARNING LAB

# Meeting Overview

- Review Old Business
- Discuss RAC Recommendation Procedure
- SPARK Project Spotlights
- Paths to QUALITY™ Enrollment Incentive Discussion, Feedback, and Suggestions
- Public Comment
- Future meeting schedule
- Action items and adjournment



# Introductions

- Name
- Organization name and role
- Stakeholder type (early care and education program, higher education, community partner, system partner)

## Review Old Business

- At the beginning of each meeting, the Council will review action items and recommendations from the previous meeting and discuss progress made
- View meeting minutes for each SDA on the SPARK website  
<http://indianaspark.com/regional-advisory-councils/>

# Old Business

- At the November meeting, the Council provided feedback related to outreach and communication strategies and various implementation activities (i.e. program self-assessment)
- Recommendations were reviewed by the SPARK Leadership Team, who identified appropriate action steps

## RAC Recommendation Procedure



Recommendations  
will be captured  
within the meeting  
minutes



Recommendations  
from all SDAs will  
be compiled in a  
report and  
reviewed by the  
SPARK Leadership  
Team to identify  
appropriate action  
steps



Recommendations,  
actions steps, and any  
progress will be  
reported as Old  
Business in  
subsequent RAC  
meetings

# RAC Recommendation Procedure

What questions do you have about  
this procedure?





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SPARK Highlights



# Call Center Supports

- Trained staff will operate the call center
- Leaders and Teachers can contact the Call Center for additional information, clarification, or help accessing support
- Access to Coaches and early learning supports
- Multi-lingual call services will be available



# Call Center – Guiding Questions

- What excites you about what you have heard?
- What concerns do you have?
- Have you heard anything that you believe will NOT work for you and your program?
- What else should SPARK be thinking about or aware of in implementation?
- What else?



# I-SAT: Your Learning, Your Way

- The **Indiana Self-Assessment Tool (I-SAT)** is a PROGRAM level assessment, not a personal or individual assessment.
- Completed by the leader or leaders of the program, as determined by the program.
- Tailored assessment for each program type with questions customized to the leader's needs.
- Provides quality improvement goals, resources, and a program development plan



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and thrive.

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# Learn, Share, and Grow

Mini Professional Development Series on the Grow Page

 Share

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ACTIVITIES

HOME BUSINESS

LEARNING

PERSPECTIVES

WELLNESS



# Taking Care of Ourselves



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## Organize Your Business Records



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## Cómo hacerlo: Construye tu propia mesa de luz

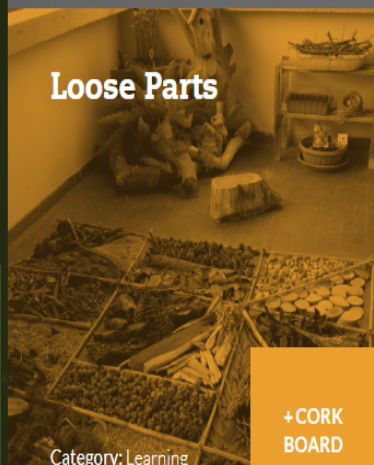


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## Loose Parts



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## Provider Blog - Watercolor Painting



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## Como Guidarnos



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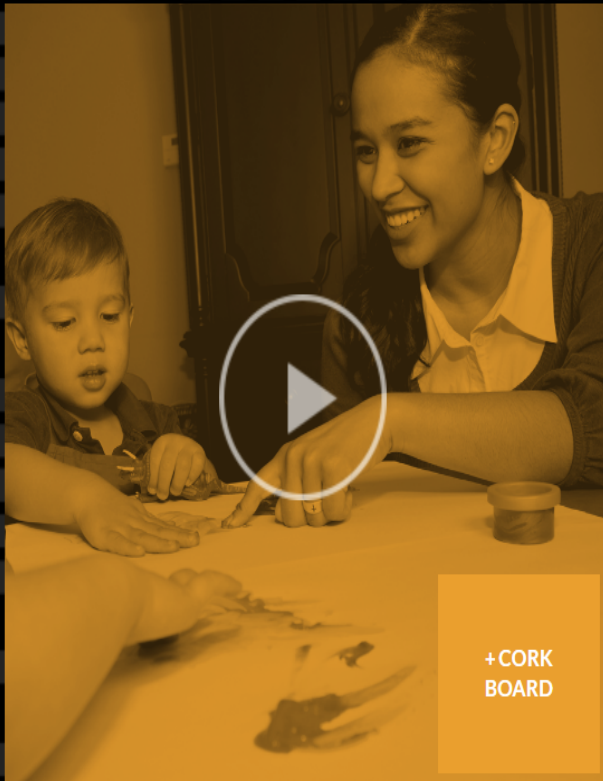
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# Scaffolding New Skills

Learning to Cut with Scissors



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Forum	Topics	Posts	Last Post
<div><div>Main</div><div>Please use the discussion board to share your thoughts, ideas, and questions about being a family child care provider. However, please remember this is a public board. So make sure you are always respectful and keep the discussion board a positive place for idea sharing. Town Square reserves the right to remove any post we deem disrespectful or inappropriate.</div></div>	5	21	<div><div>1 year, 11 months ago</div><div> mickal thugs</div></div>
<div><div>Swap Meet</div><div>The swap meet is a place where you can share ideas about materials, supplies, and equipment. You may also post items that you are wanting to swap or share. HOWEVER, take caution when sharing any personal information. Town Square is not responsible for, nor will we police any transactions that may take place on the swap board. Town Square reserves the right to remove any post we deem disrespectful or inappropriate.</div></div>	2	3	<div><div>1 year, 5 months ago</div><div> Alanti Rodowska</div></div>

# town square

- Town Square is available NOW!
- [www.townsquareIN.org](http://www.townsquareIN.org) (with general and Illinois-specific content)
- More Indiana-specific content coming to Town Square and ILP.
- Town Square IN and Indiana Learning Paths will be linked to assist in the tracking of training hours.
- Full launch of Town Square IN Spring 2020.

# town square – Guiding Questions

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# PTQ Enrollment Incentives

- Available for nearly 2 years through Kaplan portal and more recently through Lakeshore
- Provide a set of materials with User Guide to assist with implementation in the classroom or home setting
- Data to consider:
  - January-December 2019 = 232 total kits
  - Most chosen kit is Older Toddler followed closely by 3-5 years, and Multi-Age
- Time to evaluate the investment and gain RAC and public feedback, as well as any recommendation by the RAC moving forward

# PTQ Enrollment Incentives

- Guiding questions to start the conversation:
  - Do the kits really help enhance the programming for children and families?
  - Do the kits include the right materials?
  - Are there other materials or kits that you would prefer?
  - Are the User Guides that accompany the materials helpful?
  - How have the User Guides added value to the materials kit?
  - Is there anything else that would provide more or better assistance in implementing the materials in the classroom or home?
  - Any recommendations from the RAC moving forward?

# Public Comment

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- We want to hear from you!
- What questions/comments do you have for SPARK and the Council?



# Agreements

Based on what has been presented, RAC discussion, and public comment, what suggestions and perspectives need to be captured for SPARK Learning Lab or partners to consider.

Items from Old Business  
SPARK Learning Lab Call Center  
I-SAT  
Town Square  
PTQ Enrollment Incentives  
Other Items



# Upcoming Community Events

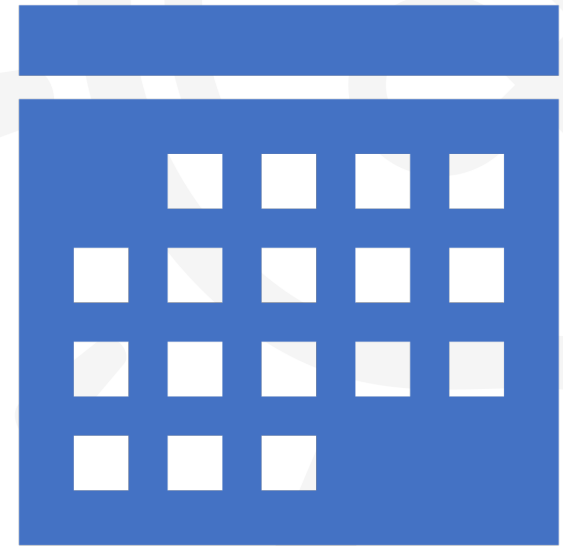
What community events are coming up in your region that SPARK could / should have a presence?





# SDA 4 Future Meeting Schedule

- Tuesday April 28th 6:30-8:30pm (Location TBD)
- Tuesday September 1st 6:30-8:30pm (Location TBD)



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- Sign up for SPARK newsletter: <http://indianaspark.com/>
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  - [Twitter](#)
  - [Instagram](#)
- Email [RAC@indianaspark.com](mailto:RAC@indianaspark.com) with questions





Let's Spark a Conversation!