

Welcome to the SDA 2 RAC Meeting!



Purpose

SPARK needs you, your time, and your voice.

The purpose of the Regional Advisory Council is to strategically aid and advise SPARK Learning Lab about our services, so we can better support those who support Hoosier children and families.

We know your time is precious and thank you for joining us tonight.



These Hoosiers are worth it...



Meeting Overview

- Review Old Business
- New Business
 - Stabilization Grants
 - Mental Health Support
 - Staffing Crisis
 - OECOSL PTQ Feedback
- Think Tank
- Future Meetings
- Public Comment
- Agreements and Action Items
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

**Public comment will be heard after each agenda item*

RAC Member Introductions

- Name
- Organization name and role



Review Old Business

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

Old Business – SPARK Program Data

RAC Members requested that SPARK provide additional data and insights on program eligibility within SDA 2.

SPARK received the RAC Members request and will review the data and provide additional information at the next RAC meeting.

Old Business – PTQ Recommendations

RAC Members recommended the following items to OECOSL provide scholarships to attend conferences.

Additionally, they requested potential incentives to programs maintaining PTQ level three.

SPARK will continue to advocate and provide the RAC Member feedback to OECOSL.

Old Business

Questions?





New Business

GRANT STABILIZATION UPDATES + RESOURCES

Discussion Questions

- What are the strengths of the stabilization grant process up to now?
- What are the challenges of the stabilization grant process so far?

Grant Resource Information

→ SPARK Grant Support

◆ Contact Information

- Help Desk 1-800-299-1627
- Live Chat is available on indianaspark.com and My SPARK Learning Lab
- Email Help@indianaspark.com

Grant Resource Information

- Upcoming Trainings (SPARK and/or Others)
 - ◆ Proposal - Offer in-person regional events that connect grant recipients with financial experts.
 - ◆ Proposal - Require 10 person virtual learning cohorts that leverage peer learning, connect grant recipients to experts and business coaches, and are segmented by Geography, Program Type, Award Amount, and chosen Expenses.

Grant Resource Information

→ Key Resource Links:

- ◆ Allowable Expense Guide [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- ◆ Grant Worksheet [English](#) and [Spanish](#)
- ◆ Grant Guide [English](#) and Spanish is not yet available
- ◆ Grant Requirements [English](#) and [Spanish](#)

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT INITIATIVES

Mental Health Initiative

- SPARK will provide a brief update on upcoming initiatives
 - ◆ Mental Health Support Opportunities
 - ◆ Professional Mental Health Endorsement Opportunities

Discussion Questions

- What are some of the mental health needs of early childhood and out-of-school time professionals now?
- If you could have any service of mental health support, what would it be?

STAFFING CRISIS

Staffing Crisis

- RAC Members will host a discussion time around the current state of employment with in their programs.
- Discuss Substitute Teacher Pool Concept
- Questions and comments from RAC and Public

PTQ FEEDBACK REQUEST

PTQ Feedback

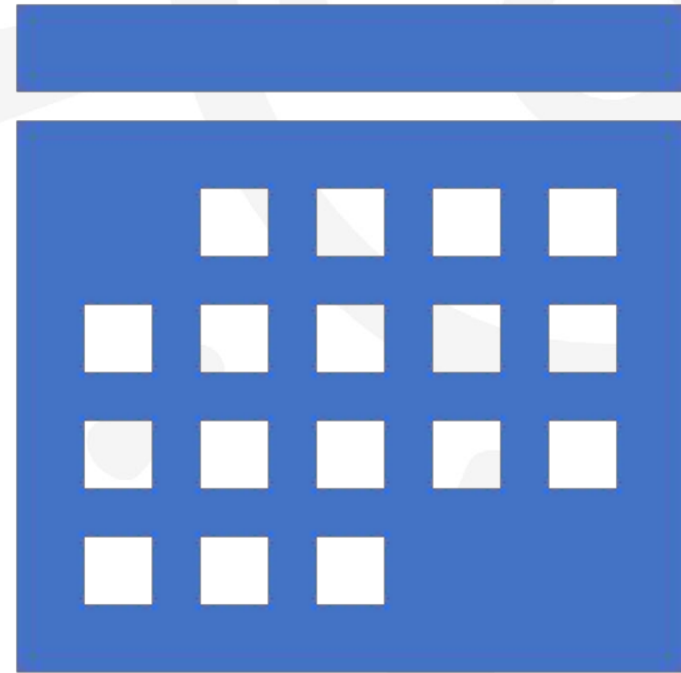
- OECOSL is creating a PTQ Policy Resource document (FAQs) for programs before their rating visit.

What are the 1-2 things you wished you had known before your PTQ rating visit?

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

SDA 2 Meeting Schedule

- Proposed meeting dates:
 - February 9, 2022
 - April 13, 2022
 - September 14, 2022
- Confirm Meeting Time
 - 3:00 -5:00 pm
- Confirm Meeting Type
 - In-person vs virtual only meeting
 - Establish meeting location



Think Tank



Public Comment

- 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
RAC Membership Updates
RAC Attendance and Engagement
PTQ Incentives
Staffing Issues
Think Tank

Agenda Items for Next Meeting



What topics and/or SPARK supports would the Council like to discuss in November?

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Let's Spark a Conversation!