Welcome to the SDA 3 RAC Meeting!

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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.

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These Hoosiers are worth it…

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Meeting Overview

- Review Old Business
- New Business
  - SDA 3 Field Updates
  - Stabilization Grants
  - Mental Health Support
  - OECOSL PTQ Feedback
- Future Meetings
- Public Comment
- Agreements and Action Items
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

Public comment will be heard after each agenda item

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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 – Training & Support Request

During the last meeting, RAC members discussed the need for more training and guidance about making business decisions.

Training and support materials for providers in areas such as salaries, benefits, budget, and other human resource areas.

SPARK Learning Lab has been aggressively expanding our business resource and training including five Facebook Live events, in-person local events, and FCC business cohorts.

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Old Business – Health Benefits

RAC members expressed that programs need access to more affordable benefit options

With the distribution of the Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization grants, more programs have the opportunity to think about creative benefits solutions. Through in-person and virtual local events SPARK hopes to connect programs to the experts that can assist them in making strategic business decisions.

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Old Business – Family Engagement

RAC members asked if SPARK could explore providing a statewide app/solution (like Procare) for programs to use for family engagement.

SPARK is launching a new online option for Family Engagement that extend the learning day into the home and build executive functioning within children. Watch for more information on the PEER launch.

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Old Business – Engagement & Feedback

RAC members suggested that SPARK survey staff and programs to ask what they feel is needed to promote well-being.

SPARK is continuing to accept feedback around the topics of mental health and well being. Tonight's meeting will provide an opportunity to provide guidance and feedback on the this initiative.

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Old Business – PTQ Incentives

Members suggested OECOSL add a National Afterschool Association executive membership to the professional association memberships that are offered as PTQ Incentives.

The recommendations were heard by OECOSL in the previous meeting. OECOSL can provide updates as decision are made.

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Old Business

Questions?

New Business

Let's Talk!

SDA 3 Updates

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

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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.

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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?
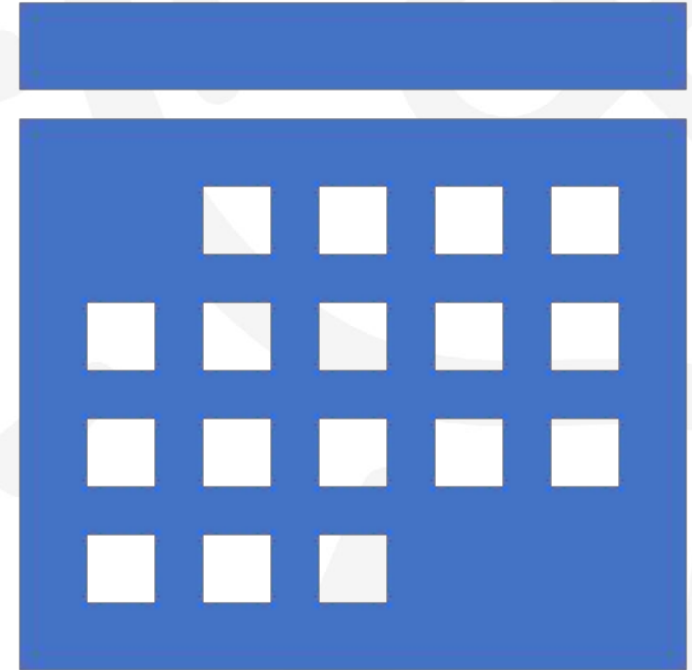
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PTQ Feedback Request

PTQ Feedback

- OECOSL is creating a PTQ Policy Resource document (FAQs) for programs before their rating visit.
  - What information do you wish you would have known prior to your rating visit?
  - What advice did you receive from others that supported you in the journey?
  - What advice would you give a program heading into their rating visit?

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Future Meeting Schedule

SDA 3 Meeting Schedule

- Confirm meeting dates:
  - February 16, 2022
  - April/May- TBD
  - September 21, 2022
- Confirm February Meeting Details
  - In-person @ SPARK Main Office
- Establish Future Meeting Locations
  - April/ May 2022
  - September 2022

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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

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RAC Updates from around Indiana

November Topics by Region/SDA

SDA 1- Agenda

- Stabilization Grants
- Mental Health Support
- IN Early Learning Foundations Update
- OECSOL PTQ Feedback
- Think Tank
- Future Meeting Schedule

SDA 2- Agenda

- Stabilization Grants
- Mental Health Support
- Staffing Issues (Substitute Teacher Pool)
- OECSOL PTQ Feedback
- Future Meeting Schedule

SDA 4- Agenda

- Stabilization Grants
- Mental Health Support
- OECSOL PTQ Feedback
- Future Meeting Schedule

SDA 5 - Agenda

- Stabilization Grants
- Mental Health Support
- OECSOL PTQ Feedback
- Future Meeting Schedule

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Let's Spark a Conversation!