

# Welcome to the SDA 5 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
  - 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*

# 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 – Engagement Strategies

During the last meeting, RAC members discussed engagement and attendance strategies for members.

RAC members recommended reviewing previous RAC meeting times. Additionally, that asked that SPARK assess communication and marketing strategies related to RAC meetings.

RAC members will review the proposed meeting schedule in this meeting. SPARK will audit communication and marketing activities related RAC meetings.

# Old Business – SPARK Annual Report

RAC members recommend reviewing the handoff process for critical referrals and create a supportive approach.

SPARK is open to your suggestions. We have set a goal to increase the number of programs accepting SPARK's coaching at the point of critical referral to 60% and could use the RAC support to determine how to do this.

# Old Business – SPARK Annual Report

RAC members requested that SPARK add goals and objectives for advanced program levels.

SPARK is still limited by the COVID pandemic in the in-person offerings that it can facilitate. How might SPARK engage advanced learners in a virtual format, in the meantime?

# Old Business – PTQ Incentives

Members recommend that the NAREA be added to the approved list. Additionally, they requested more information and advanced materials to support special needs, diversity and inclusion.

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

# 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](mailto: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?

# PTQ FEEDBACK REQUEST

# PTQ Feedback

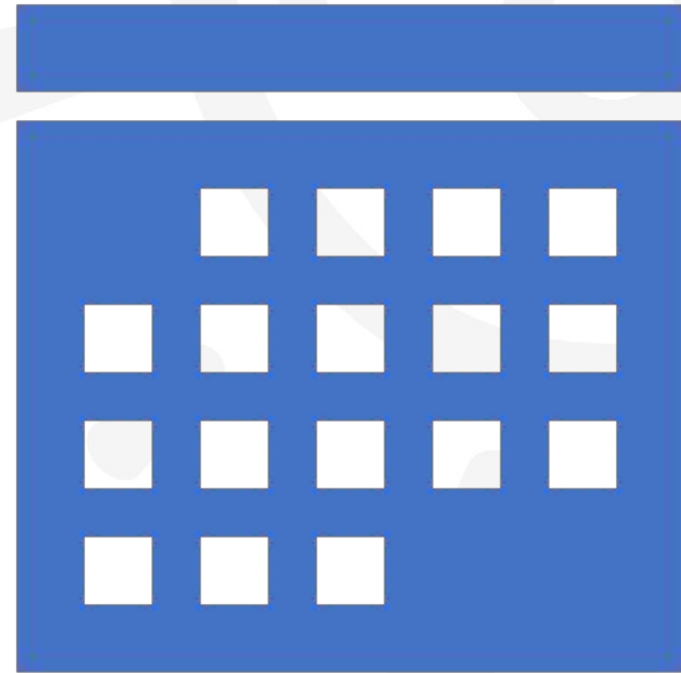
- OECOSL is creating a PTQ Policy Resource document (FAQs) for programs before their rating visit.

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

# FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

# SDA 5 Meeting Schedule

- Confirm meeting dates:
  - February 8 at 6-8 ET / 5-7 CT
  - May 10 at 7-9 ET / 6-8 CT
  - September 13 6-8 ET / 5-7 CT
- Finalize February Meeting Details
  - In-person vs virtual only meeting
  - Establish meeting location



# 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  
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 February?

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**Let's Spark a Conversation!**