Welcome to the SDA 1 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
  - OECOSL Provider Recognition
  - Stabilization Grants
  - Indiana Early Learning Foundation Updates
  - Indiana Early Learning Paths Course Collections
  - Power of Peers Program
  - INAEYC Workforce Development Data
- Think Tank
- 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
- If you brought a guest, please introduce them

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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/

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Old Business – RAC Ambassador Program

RAC Members requested that SPARK assess and evaluate RAC materials and look into creating an Ambassador Toolkit.

SPARK is exploring this opportunity. It our hope to have a toolkit prepared for RAC orientation in the 2022-2023 Program Year.

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Old Business – ECE Workforce Development

RAC Members requested that Betsy Hostettler present updated information and data relating to ECE higher education workforce development.

This information is a part of tonight's agenda.

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Old Business – Build Learn Grow

RAC Members requested for SPARK to conduct round tables or focus groups around additional grant resources to create for providers.

SPARK continues to track the over 2,000 inquiries that we have received regarding the grant. This data then informs resource development, and learning opportunities offered by SPARK.

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Old Business – Mental Health Support/ SPARK Resources

RAC Members requested for SPARK to create materials on how to best support staff and their return to work.

Over the next two years, SPARK will be providing intensive Mental Health & Wellness services that includes the development of evergreen resources and training to support the ECE and OST workforce. These decisions will be driven by the trends that emerge from Provider Support Groups, Program Assessment, and local mental health needs.

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Old Business

Questions?

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New Business

OECOSL Provider Recognition

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SDA1: Provider Recognition

Nominee Name	Program Name
Christi Lozano	Cerebral Palsy of NW IN Inc. dba Center for Possibilities
Lisa Johnson	Lisa's Safe Haven Day Care
Patricia Kelly	People's Day Care
Lutisha Johnson	Creative Kids Care Child Care LLC
Roxanne Johnson	Miss Roxy's Daycare
Samantha Musleh	Robinson Community Learning Center
Sybil Henschen	The Vine Early Learning, Inc
Cynthia Garcia	Eden Childcare

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Provider Recognition

- OECOSL will be accepting nominations for the the next round of provider recognition from January 17th through February 4th.
- We encourage your teams to think of providers that you have worked with that stand out for providing quality care and leadership to families and their communities.
- LINK: Provider Recognition Nomination Form

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Grant Stabilization Updates & Resources

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BLG Grant Updates

- Timeline for Grant Round 2
  - January 17th, 2022 - April 15,2022
- Application Criteria Updates

BuildLearnGrow
Stabilization Grants

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Build Learn Grow Events

- SPARK is providing educational events with local partners throughout the state. Each virtual event will provide access to professional experts within the business fields to assist providers in making an informed business decisions.
- SDA 1 Event Schedule:
  - Elkhart: February 10,2022 6:00 p.m. -7:30 p.m.
  - South Bend: Virtual: January 27th, 2022 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
  - Merrillville, TBD
  - Michigan City, TBD

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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
- 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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Build Learn Grow

- Do RAC Members have any additional questions or comments regarding the initiatives around the Build, Learn, Grow stabilization grants?

- Do public attendees have any additional questions or comments regarding the initiatives around the Build, Learn, Grow stabilizations grants?

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Early Learning Foundations Update

Early Foundations

- Timeline for updates
  - Undergoing revision since July 2020
  - The Governor announced the formation of the Office of Kindergarten Readiness in IDOE
  - Foundations release delayed until this is complete

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Discussion Questions

- What is the best way to learn about the new foundations trainings?
- What trainings, resources, or supports items would help you most in the implementation of foundation trainings?

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Indiana Learning Paths Updates

Course Collection

COURSE COLLECTION

- ILEAD has created onboarding learning paths for training new educators and leaders.
- Course collections have all required trainings for new educators and leadership positions.
- Course Collections
  - Educator Onboarding Course Collection
  - Leadership Onboarding Course Collection

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EDUCATOR COLLECTION

- Part 1: Safe Sleep 1 & 2, Universal Precautions, Child Abuse & Neglect, Health & Safety Modules 1-4, Introduction to Foundations, PTQ Introduction

- Part 2: Classroom Environmental Hazards, Learning Environments for ECE, Teaching with Intention, Using Play to Advance Learning, Implementing a Quality Curriculum, Authentic Assessment, Specialized Services, Developmental Red Flags, Infant/Toddler Learning, Spaces that Nurture, Scholarship Opportunities, Additional Resources

- Part 3: Preventing Expulsion, Developing Social Emotional Skills, Managing Challenging Behaviors, Quality Conferences, Routines for Infants & Toddlers, Helping SA Children Express Their Feelings, SA Development, Reframing Behaviors, Additional Resources

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LEADERSHIP COLLECTION

- Part 1: Universal Precautions, Introduction to Foundations, Opportunity is Knocking, PTQ Introduction, Maintaining Professional Boundaries, Scholarship Opportunities, Strategies for Recruiting, Additional Resources

- Part 2: What do you Charge, Elements of Budgeting, Creating a Positive Work Environment, Marketing Strategies, Additional Resources

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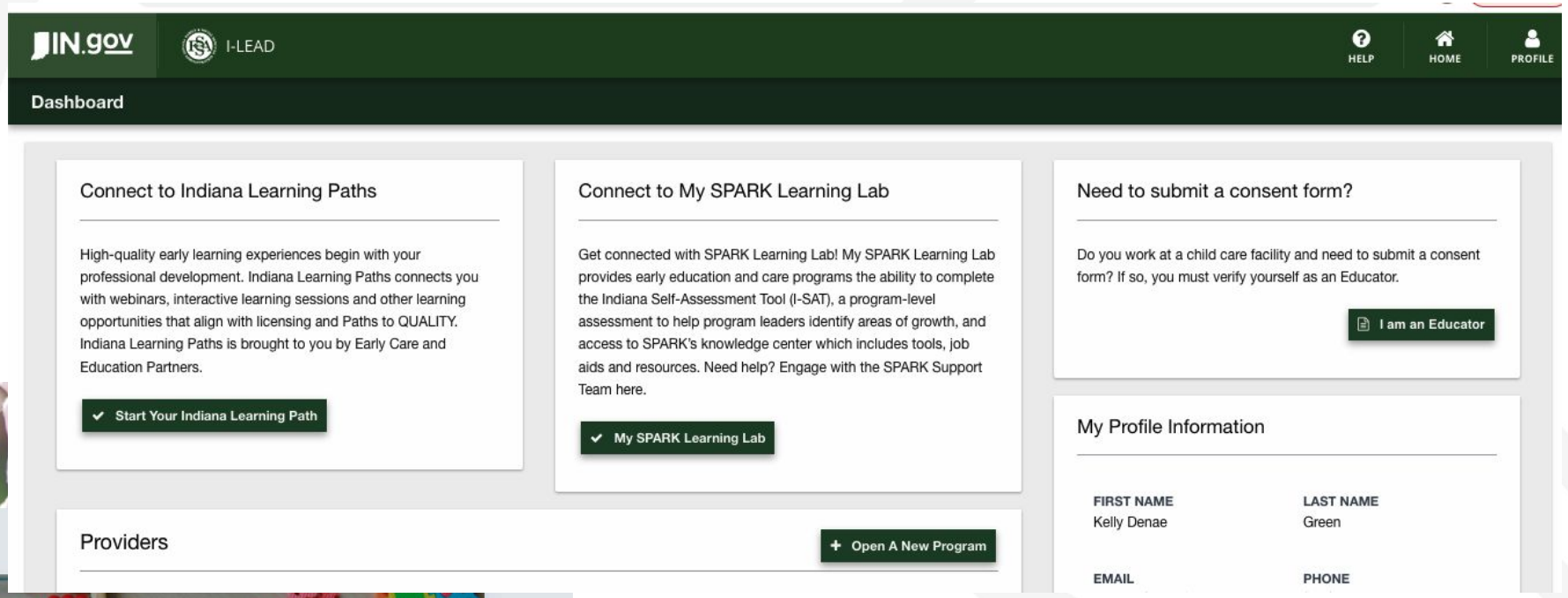
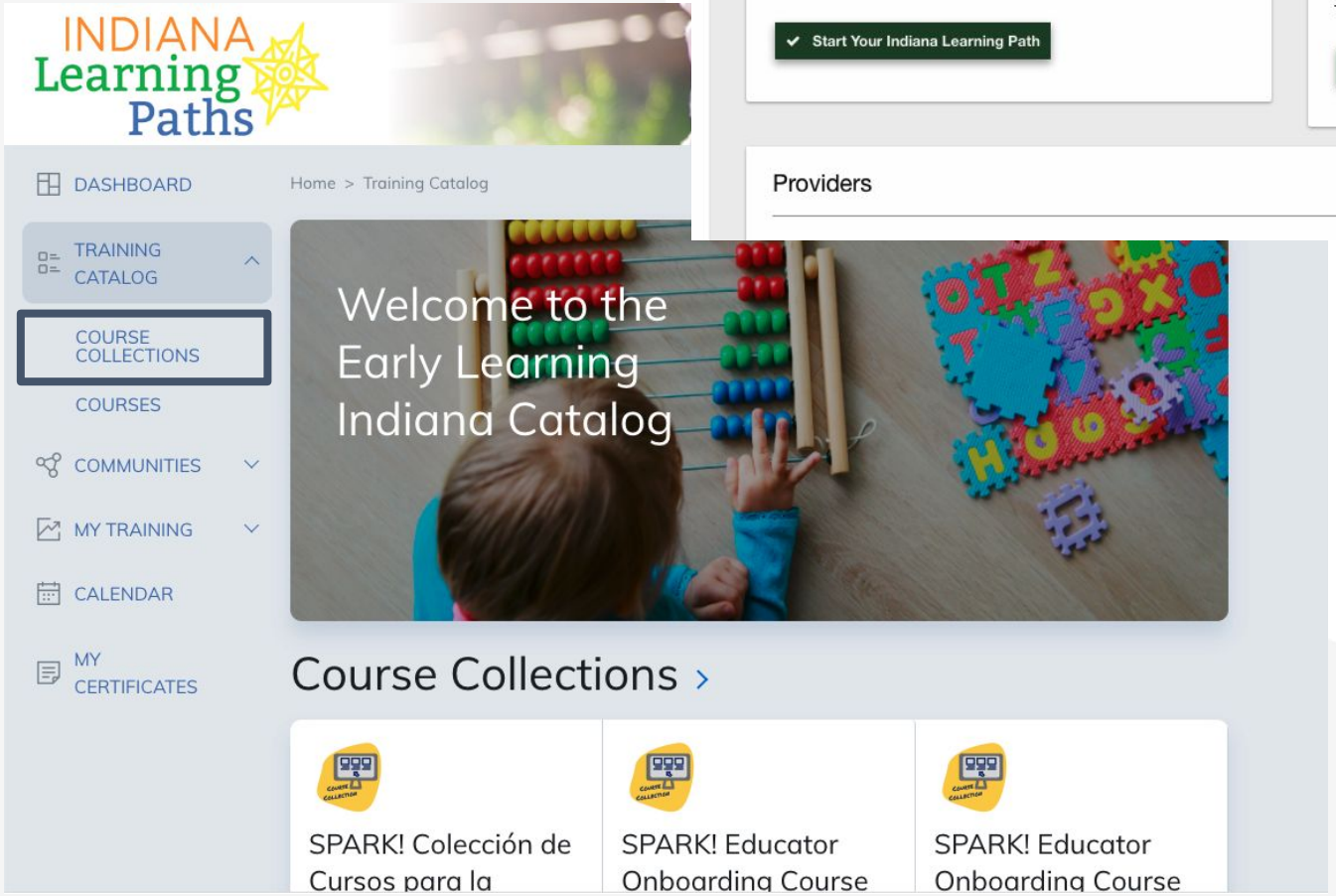
STEP 1: Login into ILEAD Account





STEP 2: Start Your Indiana Learning Path

STEP 3: Course Collection

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Power of Peer Training

Power of PEER Training

- Increase family engagement and promote school readiness skills through everyday activities.
- A training that will help you get families excited about what you do every day
- A way to promote high-quality parent/child interactions at home
- The Power of PEER Website

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Power of PEER Training Schedule

Feb. 15: Power of PEER Training Level 1- Session 1 of 2 (6pm- 8pm ET)

Feb. 22: Power of PEER Training Level 1- Session 2 of 2 (6pm- 8pm ET)

March 8: Power of PEER Training Level 1- Session 1 of 2 (10am- 12pm ET)

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Think Tank

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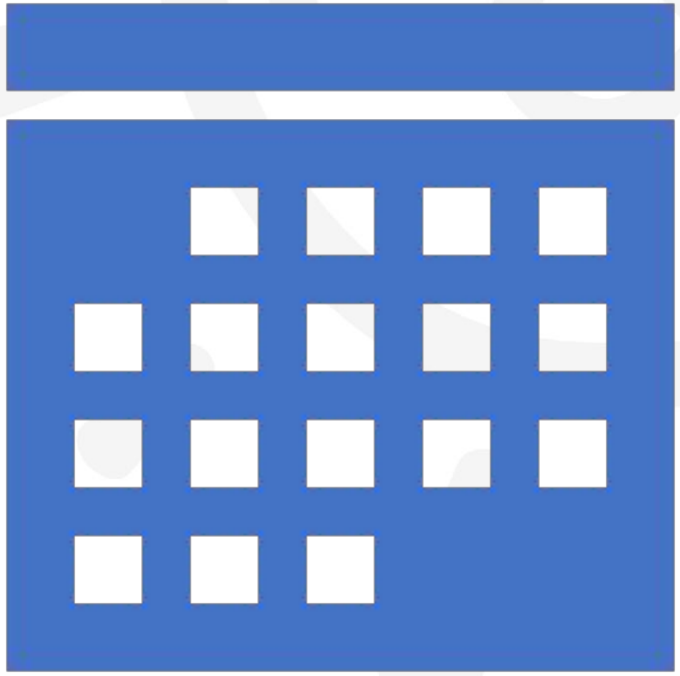
Future Meeting Schedule

SDA 1 Meeting Schedule

- RAC meeting dates:
  - April 27th, 2022
  - September 7th, 2022

- Finalize Meeting Type
  - In-person meeting
  - Location



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Public Comment

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

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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
Build Learn Grow Stabilization Grants
Indiana Early Learning Foundation Updates
Indiana Early Learning Paths Course Collections
Power of Peers Program
IN AEYC Workforce Development Data

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Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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

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Let’s Spark a Conversation!