

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
 - OECOSL Provider Recognition
 - Stabilization Grants
 - Indiana Early Learning Foundation Updates
 - Indiana Early Learning Paths Course Collections
 - Power of Peers Program
 - SPARK Expansion & Updates
- 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/>

**NO OLD
BUSINESS ITEMS
TO REVIEW**



New Business

OECOSL PROVIDER RECOGNITION

SDA5: Provider Recognition

- Lakeia Price, Agape Christian Academy
- Maria Wynne, Casa Maria's Creative Learning Zone
- Ruthie Duran, Clouds of Joy Preschool & Learning Center



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](#)

GRANT STABILIZATION UPDATES + RESOURCES

BLG Grant Updates

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



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 5 Event Schedule:
 - ◆ Evansville: 2-15/ 6:00- 7:30 CST
 - ◆ Additional Events will be added
 - ◆ Build Learn Grow Events Calendar:
<https://indianaspark.com/build-learn-grow-community-events/>

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants

- Round 2 now available (as of January 19th) through April 15th.
- If you received dollars in Round 1, you will be asked to report on spending.
- Round 2 provides 5 months of monthly expenses

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants

- Two new videos are available on the [Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grant landing page](#) that explains the [reporting process](#) and [application process](#).
- An [Expense Reporting Guide](#) available on the same page.
- Updated FAQs.

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants

Available In Progress Completed Reporting

Stabilization Report Number 1

FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM 1

Funds Awarded	\$116,213.00
Funds Reported This Round	\$0.00
Funds Remaining	\$116,213.00

Enter the amount of grant funds you have spent in each category to date. If you have not spent any money in a category, leave the number as \$0. If you have not spent any Round 1 grant funds, please indicate \$0 in each category as you complete the report.

Personnel Costs
Personnel costs include expenses related to hiring, compensating, training or retaining staff.

Facility Maintenance or Improvement
Programs may use grant funds for expenses required to pay for, maintain or improve their facilities.

Business Continuation
Programs may use grant funds for expenses that support them in maintaining or resuming full operations, as well as making investments in goods and services that strengthen their programs for the long-term.

COVID-19 Safety
Programs may use grant funds to purchase, replenish or update equipment and supplies used in response to COVID-19.

Mental Health Supports
Programs may use grant funds to support costs related to the mental health and well-being of their children and employees.

Health and Safety
Programs may use grant funds for costs associated with training staff in health and safety measures.

Staff Wages
Average hourly staff wage prior to Round 1 Stabilization Grant award: Current average hourly staff wage:

Did your program permanently increase staff wages after receiving your Round 1 Stabilization Grant award? (A one-time or short-term bonus is not considered a permanent wage increase)
☐ Yes
☒ No

[Complete Expense Report](#)

Total funds awarded to program

"Funds Reported this Round" and "Funds Remaining" will automatically recalculate as you enter your expenses across the six allowable expense categories below.

If you need help planning how to best utilize grant funds for your program, contact SPARK Learning Lab:

 help@indianaspark.com  1-800-299-1627

 Live chat on indianaspark.com or in My SPARK Learning Lab

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants

- SPARK will be offering Live Resources to support grant recipients that are seeking Round 2 funding (next week).
- SPARK is releasing new resources (EN & SP), video guides (EN & SP), and offering Live Resources on the following:
 - How to use and report Family First Coronavirus Response Leave
 - Grant Spending and Documenting Expenses
 - How to use the Employee Retention Tax Credit

Build, Learn, Grow Stabilization Grants

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

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?

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

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?

EARLY LEARNING
PATHS UPDATES

COURSE COLLECTION

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- 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



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

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

STEP 1: Login into ILEAD Account



DASHBOARD

Home > Training Catalog

TRAINING CATALOG

COURSE COLLECTIONS

COURSES

COMMUNITIES


MY TRAINING


CALENDAR


MY CERTIFICATES

Welcome to the Early Learning Indiana Catalog

Course Collections >

SPARK! Colección de Cursos para la

SPARK! Educator Onboarding Course

SPARK! Educator Onboarding Course

IN.gov I-LEAD

HELP HOME PROFILE

Dashboard

Connect to Indiana Learning Paths

High-quality early learning experiences begin with your professional development. Indiana Learning Paths connects you with webinars, interactive learning sessions and other learning opportunities that align with licensing and Paths to QUALITY. Indiana Learning Paths is brought to you by Early Care and Education Partners.

Start Your Indiana Learning Path

Connect to My SPARK Learning Lab

Get connected with SPARK Learning Lab! My SPARK Learning Lab provides early education and care programs the ability to complete the Indiana Self-Assessment Tool (I-SAT), a program-level assessment to help program leaders identify areas of growth, and access to SPARK's knowledge center which includes tools, job aids and resources. Need help? Engage with the SPARK Support Team here.

My SPARK Learning Lab

Need to submit a consent form?

Do you work at a child care facility and need to submit a consent form? If so, you must verify yourself as an Educator.

I am an Educator

My Profile Information

FIRST NAME Kelly Denae

LAST NAME Green

EMAIL

PHONE

Providers

Open A New Program

STEP 2: Start Your Indiana Learning Path

STEP 3: Course Collection



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](#)



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)



SPARK EXPANSION & UPDATES

SPARK Expansion & Updates

- Annual report
 - Highlights & Engagement
 - [2020-2021 Full Report](#)



INTENSIVE BUSINESS SUPPORT

- SPARK will be offering Live Resources to support grant recipients that are seeking Round 2 funding.
 - All Program types 1/25/2022 7:00 pm-8:00 pm EST
 - FCC specific 1/25/2022 1:30 pm-2:30 pm EST
 - Centers/Ministries/School specific 1/27/2022 9:00-10:00 am EST
- Over the next month, SPARK is releasing new resources (EN & SP), video guides (EN & SP), and offering Live Resources on the following:
 - How to use and report Family First Coronavirus Response Leave
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INTENSIVE BUSINESS SUPPORT

- Business Cohorts
 - Beginning in early February
 - Three months
 - Target Audiences
 - Programs that have not accepted funding from OECOSL previously,
 - Areas with limited high quality programming, and
 - Areas with highest closure rates
- Competencies
 - Learn the value of a budget and how to use it for decision making throughout the year.
 - Understand how to project business costs, generate additional income and plan strategically for future goals.
 - Identify how to strengthen the fiscal health of their child care business.
 - Strengthen program leaders business acumen and use of tools to create a sustainable business

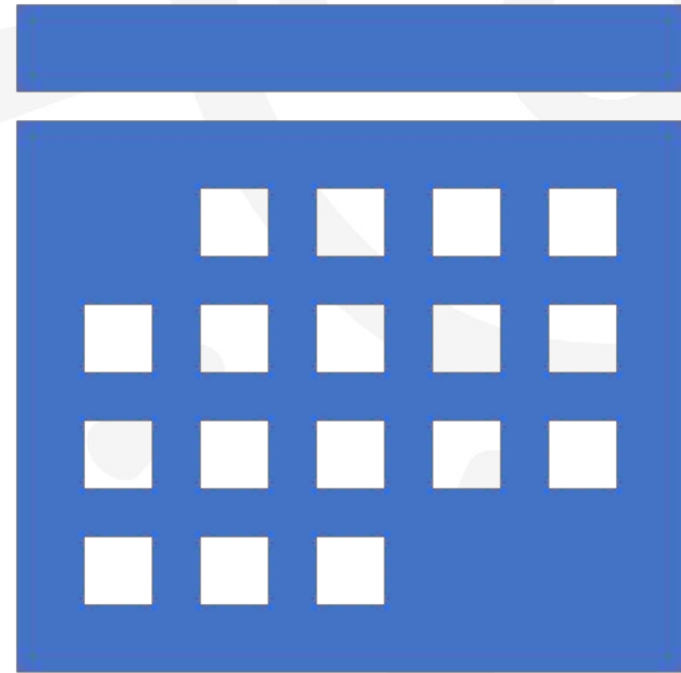
INTENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS SUPPORT

- **Provider Support Groups**
 - Offers 12 hours of group consultation with a LCSW
 - Up to 15 professionals per group
 - Second round of groups started in January
 - Third round to begin in April
- **Employee Assistance Program**
 - Currently in negotiations
 - Will be available for Indiana's entire ECE & OST workforce

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

SDA 5 Meeting Schedule

- RAC meeting dates:
 - May 10th, 2022
 - September 13th, 2022
- Finalize Meeting Type:
 - In-person meeting
 - Location



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
Build Learn Grow Stabilization Grants
Indiana Early Learning Foundation Updates
Indiana Early Learning Paths Course Collections
Power of Peers Program
SPARK Expansion & Updates

Agenda Items for Next Meeting



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

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Let's Spark a Conversation!