

White Center Early Learning Initiative (WCELI) Update...

Monday, October 30, 2006

WCELI is a partnership of community members and public and private organizations working to create sustainable, integrated and accessible child development and family support services that are reflective of the diverse cultures, strengths, and needs of White Center families. Puget Sound ESD has been selected as the intermediary for WCELI and is in the process of gathering community input and assistance in designing WCELI's services.

Regular Updates

In response to requests for frequent updates on WCELI, we will begin sending out regular email updates beginning with this issue. We would love to get your feedback on whether or not you found this helpful. Please email us at wceli@psed.org.

White Center Community Summit

Don't forget the White Center Community Summit on Saturday, November 18 from 10-3 at Mount View Elementary School (10811 12th Ave SW Seattle, WA 98146). Childcare, lunch, transportation and interpreters will be provided. We want as many White Center residents to attend this as possible, to tell us what services they want WCELI to provide. For more information please contact **Edna Noga** at **425-917-7756** or enoga@psed.org.

Interested in Helping at the Summit?

We are actively recruiting for more facilitators and scribes to help with the focus groups that will be conducted at the Community Summit. We are looking for facilitators and scribes who speak a variety of languages, including English. Facilitator/scribe training will be taking place soon. For more information please contact **Edna Noga** at **425-917-7756** or enoga@psed.org.

From the Planning Team...

Planning Coordinators have submitted first draft service plans for each workgroup. Congratulations to all the workgroups for your hard work and commitment to this process! Over the next two weeks, we will be reviewing every service plan and begin the work of consolidating the information into a cohesive plan. Also during this time, Planning Coordinators will be continuing to gather a "scan of existing services" in White Center. Various social service agencies, community-based organizations, child care providers and other service providers will be contacted in an effort to compile a comprehensive list of current services. This is one part of our overall effort to identify current capacity and gaps in services. If you want to make sure we know about particular services, please contact **Leilani Delacruz** at **425-917-7745** or ldelacruz@psed.org.

Community & Partners Conversation follow-up

A facilitated meeting about the WCELI planning process was held in White Center on October 16th. Everyone on the WCELI mailing list was invited. The purpose of this meeting, which was facilitated by Kenneth Jones, was to get feedback on how the WCELI planning process was working to date, what improvements should be made and ideas for reconstituting our Community Advisory Committee. During this meeting, attendees were asked to give their reactions (by voting with dots) to suggestions made by the group. The results of this exercise, as well as the minutes for the meeting, are attached to this email. The PSESD Superintendent, Monte Bridges, and the WCELI staff are in the process of reviewing these ideas, and determining next steps, including any revisions or expansion of our planning process.

WCELI Web Page

WCELI now has a presence on the web! Log on to PSESD's website: www.psed.org and click the link on the front page titled [White Center Early Learning Initiative](#). You can also email us at wceli@psed.org.

White Center resident flyer

WCELI flyers targeted at White Center residents are now available in a variety of languages. If you are interested in obtaining a hard copy please email wceli@psesd.org. Please remember to include the language that you need, your name, your contact phone number and the organization you represent (if applicable).

*If you or anyone else would like to be added to our email list or receive hard copies of WCELI updates and newsletters, please contact **Linda Norkool** at **425-917-7750** or lnorkool@psesd.org.*