

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

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*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.*

## Community Summit Final Report

The results of the focus groups that were conducted during the WCELI Community Summit have been analyzed and compiled into a [Final Report](#) (it is several pages long so please wait a few minutes for the document to upload). [E-polling results](#) are also available as a separate document.

## Community Advisory Committee (CAC)

The WCELI team is actively recruiting residents to be members of the revamped WCELI Community Advisory Committee (CAC) to be a broad group of White Center/Boulevard Park residents and organizations to help guide WCELI project plans. The purpose of the CAC is to provide feedback, advice and recommendations to PSESD and the WCELI Collaborative Planning Team about proposed service delivery plans as they are developed. The WCELI Planning Director will coordinate this group and ensure that communication and interactions flow between the Collaborative Planning Team and the CAC.

In order to make sure there is broad resident representation, we will limit the number of CAC members who work for agencies and community based organizations to no more than 12 members so that we have a broad and diverse representation of families from the community. The criteria for residents to participate on the committee are as follows:

- 1. Physically lives in White Center/Boulevard Park**
- 2. Has one or more children that are age 6 or under** (preferable; 8 or under acceptable)
- 3. Is able to attend evening or Saturday meetings once a month** (a \$25.00 stipend per meeting will be provided as well as mileage and child care. There will NOT be on-site child care. Taxi service is also available if there is a transportation need. Interpretation support and translation of materials will be provided at all meetings with advance notice)
- 4. Unaffiliated resident** (NOT a paid employee of a community based organization or agency)
- 5. Residents should share briefly how they are connected to the White Center/Boulevard Park community.**

If you know of any residents who might be willing to serve on this advisory committee, please contact Lori Pittman at [lpittman@psesd.org](mailto:lpittman@psesd.org) or 425-917-7759.

## What's Happening...

We are continuing the process of consolidating workgroup service plans and developing a draft for the proposed business plan. We are exploring working with a consultant to take our draft plan and package it into a final business plan that will be submitted to [Thrive By Five WA](#).

*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](mailto:lnorkool@psesd.org).*

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