

Tentative Agenda for the 2011 Urban Retreat
Green River Community College, Kent Station
April 14th 11:30 to April 15th 3:30

The Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Council of Washington is a professional organization of ECE educators. Our purpose is to:

- To promote collaboration and articulation between preparation programs at associate degree granting institutions and institutions that grant bachelors, master and/or doctoral degrees.
- To inform policy makers and to have an influential voice on the policy decisions that affect the preparation of Early Childhood Education teachers in the State of Washington.
- To encourage research and interpretation of research that improves the quality of teacher preparation and early childhood programs.
- Collaborate with other groups and agencies working in ECE.
- To encourage credentialing, certification and best practices standards for various levels of ECE instructional personnel
- To be aligned with the national associations: ACCESS (American associate Degree Early Childhood Educators), National Association of Early Childhood Teacher Educators and National Association for the Education of Young Children.

11:30 -1:30 – Working Lunches

Option A – Bridges with Higher Education contractors
Conversation with DEL representative regarding the January survey findings and recommendations.
Dukes Chowder House

OR

Option B – Network Building
Location your choice

1:30-3:30 Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Council meeting

- Reports from executive committee members
 - Treasurer & Secretary
 - Articulation Work Group
 - Online Consortium
- Updates from Olympia
 - State Board for Community and Technical Colleges
 - Department of Early Learning
 - Office of Superintendent for Public Instruction
- Updates from our professional ECE partners
 - Thrive by Five
 - Washington Association for the Education of Young Children
 - Child Care Resource and Referral

Break

3:45-5:00 What are the options available for meeting Level one competencies? Level two? Level 3? Level 4?

- What is the cost of each option?
- What are the benefits of each option?
- How assessable is each option?
- What steps need to be taken short and long term?

Come prepared with your copy of the Washington State Core Competencies and any advising sheets or program requirements depicting career preparation pathways.

5:15- 6:30 “Which author or written work has most influenced you as an Early Childhood Educator?”

Come prepared with your nomination. Discussion during Social networking time- Location” Reds” at Kent Station

6:45- 8:00 Dinner in the Kent Station area - Celebrate Cheri Raff and Tom Drummond as they move onto their next career phase – Location: Mama Stornini’s, Kent Station

Friday, April 15th

Breakfast on your own

9:00 – 10:00 Teacher Research – Innovative techniques for reflective learning

- Introduction to Teacher Research approach – Mary Garguile
- Examples of Inquiry Learning projects

10:15-12:00 “Professional Development System Building”-Claudia Shanley, Region X Head Start, expert in ECE System building

- Painting a new landscape
- Advocating for change

Working Lunch –

Lunch with our guest, continuing the conversation

Update from Joel Ryan – Washington State Association of Head Start & ECEAP

1:30-3:30 – Showcase of Best Practices and Research Projects – (more to come)

- New approaches to Leadership Development – Mary Skinner
- Quality Matters – tools for ensuring high quality online course creation – Krissy Kim
- Effective advising forms and seamless career planning – Laurie Cornelius
- Encouraging inclusive practices – Highline Community College

Thanks to Diana Holtz, Erik Tingelstad, and the Center for Excellence Careers in Education for hosting us at the Kent location of Green River Community College.

- If you have not visited Kent Station you are in for a treat. First visit their website: <http://www.kentstation.com/Index.asp?~=>
- The Sounder Train from the greater Seattle area has a terminal adjacent to the college facilities. <http://www.soundtransit.org/x71.xml>
- There is a whole array of restaurants to choose from for dining, so we will make arrangements and some suggestions for our working lunches and the evening meal “To Be Announced”.
- Don’t worry; there is plenty of parking if you are driving in for the retreat. Directions for getting to the Kent station: http://www.greenriver.edu/kent/resources/map_directions.shtm
- Everyone is free to make their own arrangements for accommodations for the evening of April 14th. Diana suggested we check out these two, easy driving distances from our meeting.

<http://www.hotels.com/ho135377/comfort-inn-kent-kent-united-states/#description>

<http://www.hotels.com/ho180994/best-western-plus-plaza-by-the-green-kent-united-states/#description>

At this point we are hoping to keep costs at a minimum, and not charge for attending this retreat. You will only be responsible for your own meals, accommodations, and travel. Please let me know if you have questions and suggestions. I look forward to seeing you in Kent for our Urban Retreat!

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