

Purpose: To keep the Board up to date on efforts and events in Funding, Special Projects, Local Childcare Planning Council and at the Alpine Early Learning Center.

Funding and Special Projects

- California Department of Education announced a delay in release of the Intent to Fund for the Inclusive Early Education Expansion Program (IEEEP). The original release date was slated for November 19. No new dates have been released as of the time of this report.

Alpine County Child Care Planning Council (LPC)

- The current LPC contract includes statewide Preschool Development Grant (PDG) implementation duties “to inventory currently existing state needs assessments, reports and strategic planning efforts and...identify gaps.” To this end, two focus groups are being organized: 1) School District/Early Learning Center regarding preschool/ kindergarten transitions; and 2) Parents/Culturally Diverse Families regarding experiences and challenges around early care and education.

Alpine Early Learning Center (AELC)

- Enrollment stands at 15 toddlers & preschoolers and 6 infants.
- The AELC Director is participating in a regional Community of Practice as a part of our IBELONG consortium work (IBELONG = Inclusion Builds Early Learning Opportunities for New Growth). The last meeting was November 21 and will proceed monthly both in-person and by video conference.
- The AELC Christmas Celebration will be on Thursday, December 19 (11:30-1:00). Children will be singing holiday favorites. Families and friends will be sharing a catered luncheon. Santa will be making an appearance.
- The Friendship Feast was a success. Most families were able to make it. We had about 25 attend, which included extended family members.
- Angela Jones, district Native Liaison, will be coming to visit AELC on Wednesday. AELC staff are hoping to incorporate more cultural activities into the curriculum. Natalie is excited to see this happen.
- As 2019 (unbelievably) comes to an end, AELC wishes everyone warm and happy holidays.