

First 5 El Dorado Commission

Growing Children, One by One...

The first five-year, Strategic Plan established Commission Initiatives. The 2012-17 Strategic Plan will assess, improve and integrate Commission services. There are three reasons to improve Commission Initiatives:

- ✿ **Expand** Initiatives to meet family need.
- ✿ **Strengthen** by adopting research based best practices.
- ✿ **Integrate** Commission Initiatives with the existing early childhood services in the County.



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Goal is to strengthen Initiative services by incorporating research based strategies including curriculum, evaluation, professional development, training and technical assistance.

Steps to achieve Goal:

- ✿ Identify key elements of existing Commission Initiatives.
- ✿ Match key elements with research based strategies.
- ✿ Determine which Commission Initiatives currently utilize those strategies.
- ✿ Integrate the best practices into Commission Initiatives.
- ✿ Integrate Commission Initiatives into existing early childhood system.



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Key Elements (As reported by Initiative Contractors 8/11):

- ✿ Assess a child's development.
- ✿ Develop relationships with parents and providers.
- ✿ Provide parent support as their child's first teacher.
- ✿ Offer flexible service delivery.
- ✿ Provide opportunities for parents and children to interact.
- ✿ Improve access to community resources and information.
- ✿ Meet families where they are geographically and emotionally.



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Research Based Strategies (As reported by Initiative Contractors 8/11):

- ✿ Conduct developmental screens
- ✿ Partner families with facilitators
- ✿ Parent and child Interactions
- ✿ Place based visiting
- ✿ Community resource center



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| <u>Key Elements</u> | <u>Commission Initiative</u> | <u>Research Based Strategies</u> |
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| Assess a child's development |  | Conduct Developmental Screens |
| Develop relationships with parents and providers |  | Partner families with facilitators |
| Provide parent support as their child's first teacher |  | Parent Child Interactions |
| Provide opportunities for parents and children to interact |  | Parent Child Interactions |
| Offer flexible service delivery |  | Place-based Visiting |
| Improve access to community resources and information |  | Community Resource Center |
| Meet families where they are geographically and emotionally |  | Place-based Visiting |



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Review Best Practices to identify research based strategies that would best compliment the work of Commission Initiatives:

- Family Place Library
- Early Steps to School Success (ESSS)
- Parents as Teachers (PAT)
- Parent-Child Home Program
- Healthy Families America



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For more information or to provide input into the 2012-17 Strategic Planning Process:

Attend monthly Community Strengthening meetings:

| COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING GROUPS | | | |
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| Meeting | Location | Date | Time |
| Divide Ready by 5 | Georgetown Library | September 22, 2011 | 4:00-6:00 pm |
| Western Slope Ready by 5 | EDC Office of Education | September 19, 2011 | 8:30-9:30 am |
| Tahoe Collaborative | Al Tahoe | September 12, 2011 | 1:00-3:00 pm |

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