2013 State Legislative Recap
Trends in Early Care and Education

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Bill Tracking Database

• 2008-2013 sessions
• 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, territories
• Author, status, bill number or keyword
• Topics:
  • Child care (subsidy, access, quality, licensing)
  • Pre-K, school readiness, KEA, kindergarten entry
  • Home visiting, birth to 3
  • Early childhood workforce (PD, collective bargaining, standards, training)
  • Infants and toddlers, early intervention
  • ECE governance
  • Data systems
  • Financing, funding; tax incentives and credits
  • Early childhood literacy
  • Brain development, science and research
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<td>• Expand or develop new initiatives (AL, GA, HI, IN, MS, NM, NV, UT)</td>
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<td>• Financing: FL (employer -state child care match), HI (social impact bonds), IN (provider matching grant), ND (local levies), TX (cash donate), WA (local match)</td>
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Florida HB 7165 (Chapter 252)
- Standard statewide SR contract (~10,000 providers)
- Office of Early Learning moves to Independent Education/Parental Choice, reorganization plan, CCDF lead
- Align child care (0-5) standards to VPK early learning domains
- Infant-toddler brain development training (parents, providers)
- VPK curriculum developmentally appropriate, research-based
- Professional development plan for all VPK providers; new performance standards, training and credentialing for private providers.
- Child Care Executive Partnership
- Teacher Education/Compensation Helps (TEACH) scholarships for ECE workforce

Minnesota HF 630 (Chapter 116)
- Research-based early kindergarten admissions policy and assessment tool
- District flexibility to fund/administer EL programs (early education, parent education, full-day, early entry kindergarten, home visiting)
- Early Childhood Education Scholarships (low-income)
  - Scholarships not to count as family income re: eligibility determination for various programs (Medicaid, child care subsidy, HS, etc...)
- Minnesota Reading Corps literacy training (age 3 to 3rd grade research-based reading instruction)
Indiana HB 1001 & HB 1004 (P.A. 205 & P.A. 267)

- Periodic statewide needs assessments on program quality/availability
- HB 1001: Early Education Matching Grant Program
  - Initial funds, 180 days programming, KEA, parent involvement
- HB 1004: Early Education Evaluation Program
  - Assess SR of low-income children in "programs of demonstrated quality that require parental involvement"
- HB 1004: Early Learning Advisory Committee
  - Assessments: Needs for quality, collaboration and coordination, higher education ECE training effectiveness

Oregon HB 2013 (Chapter 728)

- Kindergarten readiness assessments
- Early Learning Kindergarten Readiness Partnership and Innovation Fund
- Early Learning Hubs
- Birth to 3 coordination between ELC - Oregon Health Authority
  - Prenatal and infant care guidelines; align health and early learning objectives; and expand screening, assessment and referral services
- Professional development /labor management committee for FFN providers
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- 50-state bill tracking database
- 2013 Legislative Action Report
- State Budget Reports (FY 2008-2013)

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