

# Parent Advisory Group (PAG) Membership Recruitment Information

Responses Due by June 30, 2015

## **Membership Description**

Thanks for your interest in the Parent Advisory Group! The Department of Early Learning (DEL) is looking for 15 individuals to participate as members of the Parent Advisory Group. PAG members will have opportunities to review DEL policies, programs and operations to ensure that our agency is meeting the unique needs of families across the state.

PAG members will represent their unique experiences and perspectives, including but not limited to:

- Rural, remote, urban and military communities;
- Access a variety of early learning services for their children or not currently connected to services;
- Have diverse family structures (for example, headed by both or single parents, grandparents, kinship care, foster parents, or are blended families);
- Experience with immigration and being new to a community;
- Impacted by incarceration;
- Cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity;
- Have children with varying developmental and special needs.

#### Responsibilities

Each member will serve either a 2 or 3 year term. Additional responsibilities will be defined in partnership with PAG members.

### Eligibility

Parent Advisory Group membership criteria:

- Have a child(ren) ages 0-9,
- Be available to attend a minimum of two in-person full day meetings. Currently, meetings are scheduled for:
  - October 7, 2015
  - o April 27, 2016
- Be able to participate in ten conference calls per year with the group:
  - o The first conference call will be held on August 12, 2015, and
  - o All remaining conference calls will be scheduled with PAG members.
- Be willing and able to connect and coordinate with other families and groups that work with families in your local community.

#### **How to Apply**

Please respond to the <u>PAG Recruitment Form</u>, and email to <u>PAG@DEL.WA.GOV</u> or mail/drop it off at DEL's Olympia State Office (1110 Jefferson Street SE, Olympia, WA 98501).

We will accept all methods of responding such as interviews, video (YouTube), essays, etc.; however, each of the questions on the recruitment form must be addressed. Your method of responding will not affect your scoring in any way.

**Need Translations?** Translation services are available upon request.

**Any Questions?** If you or someone you know would like to apply and need assistance with the recruitment form or requires accommodation in the application process, please contact us, and we will be happy to assist. You may email <a href="PAG@DEL.WA.GOV">PAG@DEL.WA.GOV</a> or call Deanna Stewart at 360.725.4685.