Early Childhood
IMPROVING SCHOOL READINESS

Early Childhood Commission Task Force Meeting January 11, 2020

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Agenda

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Overview of Task Force Goals

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Overview

Legislation requires the Commission to establish and appoint members to a task force, and to incorporate the task force's findings and recommendations into the report that the Commission produces.

In Year 3, the Commission is charged with establishing and appointing members to a task force that will identify and recommend **alternative state and local funding strategies for quality early childhood care and education.**

The task force will examine approaches to strengthening and sustaining investment by studying:

- Structures that strengthen the economic stability of the statewide early childhood system
- Approaches to funding, including utilization of the Louisiana Early Childhood Trust Fund and enabling local funding options to empower Ready Start Networks
- Innovative opportunities to generate revenue for early childhood education

Discussion of the Recommendations by the Task Force Workgroups

Recommendations from Workgroups
Economic impact & Revenue generation

Task Force members opted to participate in workgroups focused on the economic impact of investing in early childhood as well as opportunities for revenue generation to support it.

The economic impact workgroup convened to discuss salient information on the economic impact of ECE and recommends pulling together a one pager on compelling statistics to accompany the Commission's report to address:

- The impact of child care on Louisiana's workforce from the *Losing Ground* report from the Louisiana Policy Institute for Children.
- Return on investment data from the Heckman Institute.

The revenue generation workgroup convened to discuss the revenue generation options for early childhood in Louisiana compiled by Lisa Gee from Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy (ITEP).

Discussion of Final Recommendations for Commission

Recommendations for Commission
Overview

Ultimately, recommendations from the Task Force will inform the final recommendations that the Commission makes to the Legislature this year.

Based on Task Force and workgroup discussions, it may make sense to consider offering the sharing findings and recommendations on the following:

- General findings from Task Force meetings
- Overall funding recommendations
- Information on revenue generation
  - Broad methods for considering how to prioritize early care and education
  - A framework for considering specific revenue generation options
  - An appendix on specific revenue options

Review and Discussion of Presentation to Commission on January 21

Closing