

Road Map Birth to 3rd Grade Work Group 5/4

BSK small group discussions:

- What is exciting?
 - o The description of parent support is shown in a range of formal care and informal networks and care. The variety will give us room to be responsive to what the community needs.
 - o Innovation within communities. We know that what is happening in communities is great and should be supported to react to the diversity of King County. A focus on connections will be really supportive.
 - o How do families get the information about resources that are available? The broad reach is necessary.
 - o All of the early learning/prenatal-5 work could be well connected to the K-12 system. Linking the work to school readiness. And helping the schools be good distribution centers of the work and information.
 - o Developmental screening – the benefits of supporting families and children early to support them in reducing problems later in life. This could be an area to measure the impact of the work.

 - Where are the gaps? What is missing?
 - o Make sure that older siblings get the supports and info because they are often taking care of younger siblings
 - o Make sure that developmental screenings include access to all the kinds of supports that families need.
 - o Language – could this be an opportunity to align language across the sectors that support children prenatal – 5 yrs old.
 - o Careful that the buckets of funding or structures don't create gaps or silos. That this funding and opportunity can build systems and bridge systems.
 - o How can we make sure what is being built and supported can be accessed by families as they move around the county?

 - Questions:
 - o Who can apply for funding? Just 501c3 orgs? What about school districts?
 - o Is there a certain amount that is going to stay within King County/Public Health?
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After the official discussion, David Beard with SOWA, shared some emerging advocacy issues related to BSK and the role the King County Council will play in implementation; update below:

- Council Members Gossett and Lambert weren't able to pass an amendment that would allow council to approve the selected provider list and contract amounts before contracts were signed, but are still interested in having an opportunity to weigh in on the lists. This was specific to the homeless prevention provisions of BSK, not the full BSK - but would set a dangerous precedent.
- An amendment allowing the addition of up to 3 KC Council designees to the RFP scoring panels did pass.

- An amendment that would require a report of which providers got which funds be presented to Council within 6 weeks of the conclusion of the RFP process did pass – this is the one that Council Member Lambert wants to strengthen to see the lists before contracts are signed. The amendments might come up before the full council at the meeting on Monday May 9th.
- Message for the advocacy community: Please encourage the Council Members to move BSK forward as amended