

Early Learning Hub Legislative Report

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Executive Summary

Senate Bill 213 (2015) requires an annual report to the Legislature regarding the implementation and status of Early Learning Hubs. The *SB 213 Early Learning Hub Legislative Report* provides an update on the status of Hubs in 2016.

Since 2013 when the Legislature authorized the Early Learning Council to create sixteen regional and community-based Early Learning Hubs, the Early Learning Council is building an accountability infrastructure that values continuous learning and quality improvement across the system. The Council's Measuring Success Committee is further examining measuring performance and outcomes.

The report highlights the achievements Hubs have made in moving from organizing to practice and the innovative activities underway leading to change for young children and their families. Hubs are actively collaborating in sharing of innovative practices and leveraging each other's successes.

SB 213 also required an in depth evaluation of the Hubs and authorized the Early Learning Division to contract for that evaluation. In addition to the statutorily required evaluation elements that are detailed in the report, the Division seeks to determine Hubs' progress on aligning and coordinating a family-centered system of early learning services. The evaluation will also seek to understand the barriers to progress and significant accomplishments. The Early Learning Division issued a Request for Proposals on May 4, 2016 and, at the time of this report, is completing the contract negotiation process with the selected vendor.

The Early Learning Hub Legislative Report was prepared by the Oregon Department of Education, Early Learning Division. Copies of the full report may be obtained by contacting the Early Learning Division at (503) 378-2792 or karol.collymore@state.or.us. The report may be downloaded from the Early Learning Division website at OregonEarlyLearning.com.