



Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee

ELAC Early Learning Coalition Building Toolkit

Are you wondering how to get started with a coalition focused on early learning or looking for resources to support your community coalition? The Indiana Early Learning Advisory Committee's (ELAC) Provider Participation and Advancement (PPA) workgroup is developing an Early Learning Coalition Building Toolkit. The toolkit is intended to support all communities, at whatever stage in development, with the goal of improving positive change for children and families.

The ELAC Early Learning Coalition Building Toolkit will have three components:

1. A **Framework** describing the philosophical basis for early learning coalition building.
2. An **Early Learning Coalition Building Self-Assessment** that provides a roadmap for ongoing program improvement by identifying the coalition's **Stage of Growth** assessed by 22 indicators in **Four Key Elements**, all of which are defined in the following case studies.
 - a. Four Stages of Growth - Entering, (re-)Emerging, Progressing, and Excelling.
 - b. Four Key Elements - Engage Stakeholders, Understand the State of Community, Create Collective Vision, and Implement Continuous Improvement.
3. A set of **Coalition Building Resources** supporting coalition building work.

The 2017 ELAC Annual Report (available here: <http://www.elacindiana.org/resources/>), has case studies of four existing early learning coalitions at various stages of growth representing Wabash County, Northwest Indiana region, Bartholomew County and St. Joseph County.

Look for the ELAC Early Learning Coalition Building Toolkit on the ELAC website by the end of 2017!

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