

Building Your Early Learning Community

Commitment

- What is your community's commitment to young children?
- What resources are going to be invested in becoming an Early Learning Community?

Leadership

- Who will lead the work, and what will they do to convene and organize early childhood stakeholders?
- Who else needs to be at the table to represent the families, neighborhoods, and groups that will be most affected?

Assessment

- What is already going well to support young children in your community, and where is there a need for something new or different?
- Where do stakeholders differ in their impressions of how the community is doing?

Use the ELC Assessment Tool

Reflection and Recommitment

- What have you accomplished, and what have you learned along the way?
- Has your community gotten stronger in one or more building blocks?
- What's next on your journey to becoming an Early Learning Community?

Implementation

- What is needed to put your plan into action?
- How will you gather input from families about the "when, where, and how" of your action steps to be most effective?

Action Planning

- Based on your assessment process, where do stakeholders want to focus their time and energy on making improvements?
- Will you focus on one or two building blocks, or spread your efforts across all four? Will you build on work that's already going on, or do something new?

Use the Action Planning Template

