# **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?

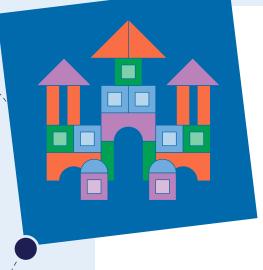


- Who will lead the work, and what will they do to convene and organize early childhood stakeholders?
- Who else needs to be at the table to represent the families, neighborhoods, and groups that will be most affected?

#### **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?



- 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** 

