CEELO Leadership Academy: Job-Embedded Project

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CEELO Leadership Academy
What is my project and how will I know when it is successful?

• **Problem**: Oregon’s preschool system is fractured and lacks infrastructure to support quality

• **Solution**: Create a policy and implementation plan that results in preschool that:
  • Reaches at least 10,000 more children by 2020
  • Increased funding for infrastructure (e.g., staffing and coaching)
  • Increased number of programs layering and blending funding
  • Increased funding and support for quality
Current State of Access to Pre-K

1,300 children living <200% FPL in select regions (see right) access Preschool Promise

8,100 children living <100-130% access Oregon Prekindergarten

~1% of children with most severe needs have adequate service levels in ECSE

30,000+ 3-4 year-olds have no access to Pre-K and – in many regions – only enough licensed care of any quality to reach less than a quarter of preschool-aged children
A Perfect Storm for Change

Change in Leadership at the Early Learning Division

New State Pre-K Program

RTT-ELC Ends

New Early Learning Council Strategic Plan

State Superintendents’ Association Work Group

Governor Convenes Children’s Cabinet

Gates/Ounce Grant

Change in Region X Head Start Office

New State Pre-K Program
What did I accomplish throughout the year?

- Changed the structure of the Early Learning Division
- Wrote legislation to be introduced in 2019 to align preschool policy and change regional delivery model
- Wrote budget proposal to expand preschool slots and enhance state-funded Head Start (i.e., Oregon Prekindergarten), build infrastructure
- Secured Preschool Development Grant B-5 to seed changes to system (coordinated enrollment, community plans)
- Grew as a leader in more ways tha
Forecast for 2019

- Legislative Session
- Reorganization and Capacity Building
- Infrastructure and Quality Building