

**VEL Board of Representatives Meeting**  
**March 10, 2016**  
ESD 113 – Grays Harbor Room  
(Conference call in via the K-20 system. 206.732.9411)

***The mission of Visions for Early Learning; West Central Regional Coalition, is to promote partnerships and community connections that support early learning.***

- 1) Opening Activity
- 2) Reports & Updates –
  - a) Infant-Toddler Program
  - b) Early Achievers
  - c) Project LAUNCH: Sherry Trout (from DOH), Maria Vasquez and Gary Burren from CCAC explain project LAUNCH'S upcoming work in Thurston County
  - d) VEL updates
    - i) Local coalition Family Engagement/Advocacy/STEAM Mini-grants (Local Coalition Reps)
    - ii) May 3<sup>rd</sup> Advancing Racial Equity/Community Summit , 11-3, w/Standards Alignment 6:30-9
    - iii) Home Visiting Professional Development Series, May 17<sup>th</sup>, and Summer Summit, June 20th
- 3) Discussion
  - a) Brought forward by the Mason County Early Learning Coalition: the lack of qualified professionals to meet the needs of children. Some examples:
    - i) Unfilled openings in early learning centers
    - ii) The lack of qualified therapists to serve children e.g. SLPs
    - iii) The lack of services for children on the autism spectrum – no services in Shelton or Greys Harbor
- 4) Three talking points (to take back to local coalitions)
  - a)
  - b)
  - c)

VEL Board of Representatives meets on the second Thursday bi-monthly from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**Thursday, May 12, 2016: 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM VEL Board Meeting (Definite) Chehalis B**

**Thursday, July 14, 2016: 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM VEL Board Meeting (Definite) Chehalis B**

**Thursday, September 08, 2016: 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM VEL Board Meeting (Definite) Chehalis B**

**Thursday, October 13, 2016: 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM VEL Board Meeting (Definite) Chehalis B**

**Thursday, November 10, 2016: 10:30 AM - 1:30 PM VEL Board Meeting (Definite) Chehalis B**