

FROM VISION TO VOTE:
COLLABORATING FOR SYSTEMIC
CHANGE IN EARLY LEARNING



FEBRUARY 2016

The Parent Accountability Council (PAC) of United Way of the Columbia-Willamette's Early Learning Multnomah (ELM) County hub begins a series of community meetings to create a preschool vision

PRESCHOOL FOR ALL: INVESTING IN EQUITY
A Survey of Successful Initiatives in Eight U.S. Communities



IN 2016-2017, ELM partnered with Social Venture Partners (SVP) to research how other communities had created universal preschool access



OCTOBER 2017

ELM, SVP and PSU partnered to host a community-wide conversation on preschool as part of PSU's annual Portland State of Mind event



MARCH 2018

Newly elected Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson came forward to champion the PFA initiative and invited ELM and other early childhood leaders to lay the groundwork for a Preschool For All taskforce

NOVEMBER 2018

Parent leaders participated as the Parental Advisory group for the PFA Taskforce and are named in the PFA Report that was published in July 2019



JULY 2019

PAC turned 5! Celebrating five years of parent leadership



YES ON 26-214

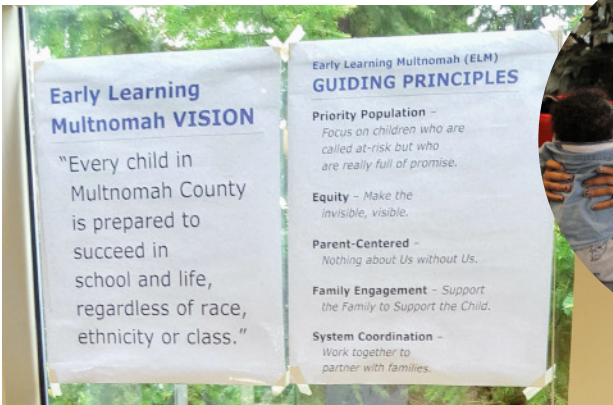
2016



OCTOBER 2016

Preschool vision was finalized at the PAC meeting at Latino Network

For the next two years, ELM convened the early childhood community and PAC to address the many infrastructure gaps that the vision highlighted



2017

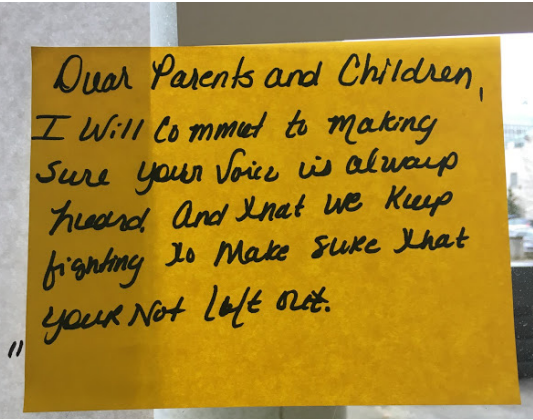


SEPTEMBER 2018

Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson met with the PAC in person after which, Lydia Gray-Holifield and Petra Hernandez represented the PAC on the PFA taskforce

OCTOBER 2018

A taskforce member's response to parent quotes brought at the first PFA Taskforce meeting



2019

JUNE 2019

The last PFA taskforce meeting held at United Way of the Columbia-Willamette. Shown here Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson with PAC leaders Petra Hernandez and Lydia Gray-Holified, and photobombed by Lai-Lani's daughter Leihoku.



NOVEMBER 2019

PAC continues to give input and feedback on PFA's policy making as part of 'Community based participatory policy setting'



2020

NOVEMBER 2020

The work continues, vote YES on 26-214! Learn more at preschoolforall.org