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## Policy and Advocacy WG Agenda

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8.15.2024

### Welcome

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- Ice breaker: When was the last time you tried something for the first time?

### Updates

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- Policy Paper Draft
  - Create one-pager with information pulled from the Policy Brief
    - Just the highlights – include links
    - Main focus of topic with the option to learn more about the subject
  - Make another version – one pager for each section of the Policy Brief to highlight each of the different categories to share depending on the topic and audience
    - Bite-sized versions (one pagers) can be given out to attendees during the legislative breakfast
  - 1<sup>st</sup> page comments
    - Reference the Bureau of Early Intervention (**BEI**) acronym in the third paragraph
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> page comments
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph of the second page “According [...] meeting” - strange syntax / feels clunky to say
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph overall needs review
      - Last paragraph – don't specify Spanish speaking, instead just general term such as language
        - Unless directly referring to the Spanish-speaking families that the SI Alliance team met and interviewed.
    - Length of the EI process section – 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet
      - Explanation on WHY providers were unwilling to conduct evaluations in certain communities



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- Separate the last sentence of the second bullet - “Families [...] longer delays”
- Reach out to Marija to make sure that any of the data that was shared with the SI Alliance from BEI is fine to be used for this purpose
- 3<sup>rd</sup> page comments
  - Lack of service providers:
    - Once again referencing the lack of willingness to provide in person services in certain neighborhoods – neglects to explain WHY
  - Our recommendations section
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet - Highlight accessibility and locality of alternative locations for families and providers – make the language more impactful
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> bullet
      - Use of the phrase “authentic learning environments” is confusing
        - Change to ‘natural learning environments’
- Page 4 comments
  - Build a robust EI workforce section
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> bullet – 11% data will be updated for clarity; new information was sent to PDI team
  - Add “Your Island, Your Resources” plug at the end of the first column
- Comments will be sent to PDI staff for updates – and will be shared with P&A WG as well as the SI Alliance Advisory Board

## Event Planning

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- Legislative Breakfast
- Calendar hold for P&A WG: 9am – 1pm

## Closing

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- Next Meeting: August 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (12:30pm – 1:30pm)
  - Every other Thursday until the October 29<sup>th</sup>