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## Early Learn Environment WG

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9/10/2024

### Welcome

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- Ice breaker: What is your fondest memory of kindergarten (for you or your child)?

### Updates

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- We Got Your Back Events
  - UFT BBQ @ PS 21
    - 95 PreK-K Families attended
  - PS 18
    - 43 bags given out – donated by MetroPlus
    - IBR (Institute for Basic Research) donated 100 24ct crayons
    - 4 volunteers from Hope Worldwide (Faith based organization)
  - PS 74
    - 30 PreK/K families attended
  - Partner Feedback:
    - 3k families were also looking for support
    - Better organization on the part of the schools for the families know where to go and get supplies/resources
    - Good amount of information given to families
    - Try and find funding to support PreK families in a similar fashion to the We Got Your Back events
    - Better communication in multiple languages
    - Clearer flyers for families know what supplies are for what grade
  - *Coming Next: Educator's Activate*
    - Aiming to host in November
- Parent Surveys
  - 10 parents completed the survey
    - 7 English speaking parents
    - 3 Spanish speaking parents
  - Feedback:
    - Ask families if they have had their child *evaluated* (could have been found ineligible)



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- “The survey may need to be changed as some children may not be receiving services, however their child may have been evaluated for services, but are not receiving services due to limited amount of services available” -  
*Additional Question for the parent survey – Simone Taylor*
- Legislative Breakfast
  - Date is being pushed back to November due to logistical issues with BEI

## Early Intervention Workshop

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- September 21<sup>st</sup> @ UNECE
  - 17 tickets sold via Eventbrite
- Partners are encouraged to drop off their resources to the UNECE office if they cannot attend the event themselves to table

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Early Childhood Event

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- Tentative Dates
  - February of 2025
    - Museum SHOULD be opening in January
    - End of January – tentative timeframe (Jan 25, Feb 1)
  - Activities / Features
    - Simulated classroom
      - Volunteers needed: Wagner students, Hope Worldwide, etc.
    - No dividers in the main room for the EI section
    - Video section will be moved to the front
    - Vinyl floor sign for EI section
    - Early childhood development/screenings
      - Milestone development
    - ***Give families event folders when they sign in***
      - ***Map, raffle ticket, EI resources, etc.***
        - Have important information up on the walls w/ posterboards (R&L) - Use information from last year
    - Re-order same banner with updated year and codes
    - ***Provide checklist for parents on what they need to do before school***



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- IBR can provide evaluations
- Invite Happy Feet
- Make sure to let parents know that they can enroll their child at any time
  - Give back up options
- (Pilar) ideas for the event:
  - List of resources or services, for example: places to get a child evaluated. In addition, guide step by step enrollment process in English and Spanish
  - Can do an activity to focus on parenting skills
- “Parents appreciated the EI section – helped one parent realize somethings about their child thru the video/section” Feedback from Deon on last event

## Closing

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- Next Meeting: October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
- Partner Updates:
  - Quality Stars Updates
    - Programs will receive more (2025)
  - Partner newsletters will be starting this month
    - Partners are encouraged to send any information they would like to share with the backbone team