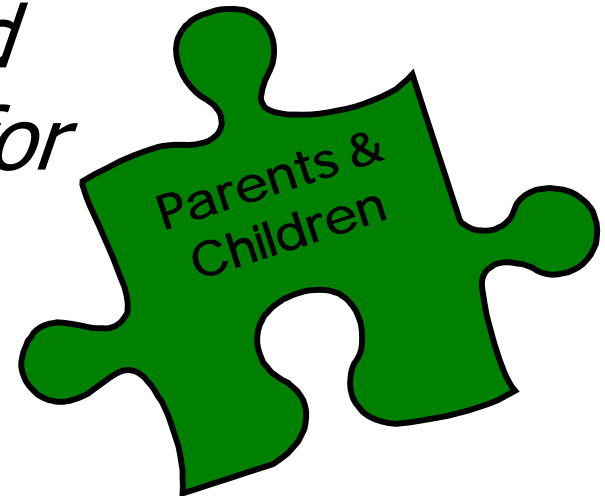


# Putting the Pieces Together



*Partners Implementing  
the Early Care and  
Education System for  
West Virginia*



# Issue for WV Policy Makers



- Growing recognition of the importance of early learning to school success
- WV's early care and education services:
  - Categorical programs
  - Lack of coordination to turf disputes
  - Possible duplication
- Shrinking resources

# Vision for West Virginia's Young Children

All children and families in WV will have access to high quality early care and education programs to that provide a foundation for academic success and lifelong learning, while supporting parent's ability to work.





# DHHR Responsibility for WV's Young Children

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- An early care and education system for children birth through three years of age;
- Child care services from birth to thirteen years of age; and
- Coordination of services with education, Head Start, and other programs.



# Components of the Early Care and Education Vision

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- Maximize funding,
- Integrate all children into programs,
- Network of services,
- Engage families as partners,
- Inform the public,
- Involve business,
- Streamlined regulation,
- Professional development, and
- Accountability with desired outcomes.



# DHHR Strategies

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- Create a Division of Early Care and Education
- Establish an Advisory Council
- Refocus Quality Teams
- Expand CCR&R
  - One-Stop Shops
  - Deliver Educare's promising practices
- Redesign quality initiatives
- Work with business
- Develop consumer & public awareness materials
- Use environmental rating scales to assess quality



# Bureau for Children and Families' Early Care and Education

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- ECE collaboration
- Child care subsidy system
- Regulation of child care programs
- Professional development
- ECE quality initiatives
- Review of county plans for pre-K services

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- 20 – member advisory council
  - Education
  - Head Start
  - Child Care
  - Special Needs
  - Legislative Staff
  - Community
- Staffed by DOE and DHHR

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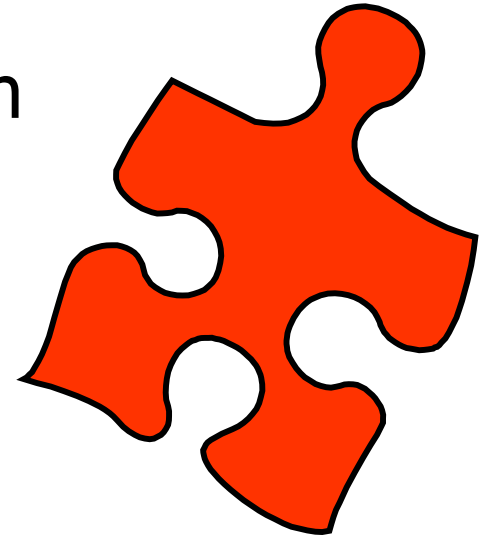
Charged with pulling together the pieces of early childhood services in WV to create a unified system of early care and education for children birth to age 5.



# PIECES Ad Hoc Committees

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- Guidance for Collaboration
  - Purpose of collaboration
  - Successful collaboratives
  - Core partners and outreach
  - Leadership
  - Assessment
  - Plan

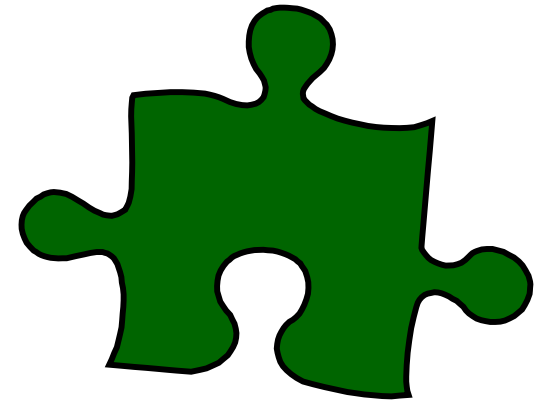




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- Professional Development
  - Certification
  - Articulation
  - Transcribing
  - Successful initiatives

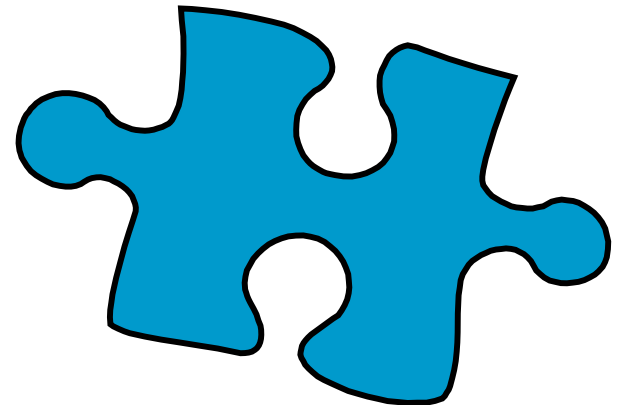




# PIECES Ad Hoc Committees

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- Quality Initiatives & Curriculum
  - S.B.247
  - Educare-approved curricula & existing initiatives
  - New initiatives
    - Wages
    - TEACH
    - Tiered Reimbursement

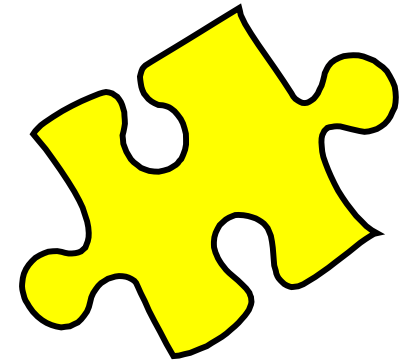




# PIECES Ad Hoc Committees

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- Regulations & Standards
  - Licensing
  - Health and safety
  - Head Start performance standards
  - Criteria for universal early childhood programs



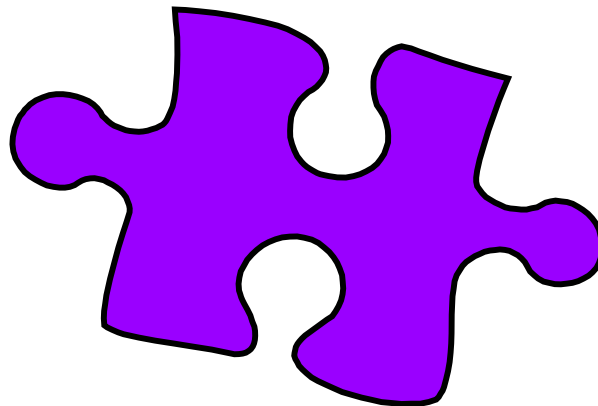


# PIECES Ad Hoc Committees

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- Child Well-Being

- Assessments
- Child Find
- Referrals
- One-Stop Shops
- Health
- Mental health
- Immunizations
- CHIP
- Health Consultants
- Parenting



# System of Early Care and Education

