

Strengthen Early Learning and Youth Services Notes Summary 8/26/20

*Due to time constraints, groups were not able to answer every question.
Here is a summary of the main takeaways.*

There was a request to title this area “early learning and early intervention” to ensure that our intent is clear.

It’s challenging to separate ongoing needs from COVID impacts. But overall, what are you seeing in terms of barriers to providing services?

- The remote and virtual environment is not working for children
- For low-income families, and families who don't speak English, we might be able to get them laptops but they also need training in using technology
- There has to be a way to support families so they know how to log on, find websites, create emails, and so forth. It’s not just about money to buy laptops.

How might these barriers relate to a state policy or budget issue?

- There is a need for increased funding for technical education, aimed at low-income and non-English speaking populations, in how to use basic devices like laptops and tablets, about how to access websites, enter passwords, create emails, submit paperwork over the internet, and so forth