

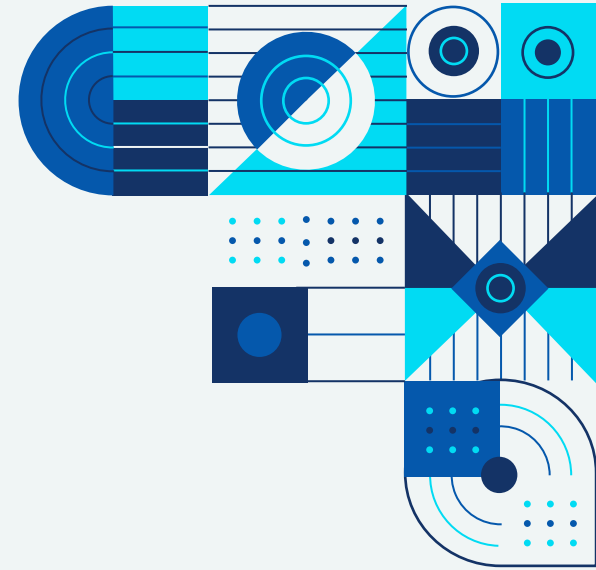


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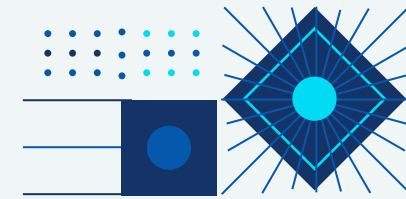




Hello! I'm Morgan

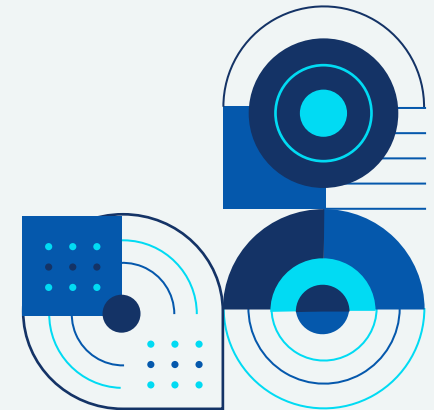
I am the Community and Parent Involvement Specialist for the West Orange Preschool Program.

I am also a Social Worker for the four classrooms located in the Early Childhood Learning Center.



Objectives/Agenda

- Early Childhood Advisory Council
- Enrollment / Attendance
- Family Engagement
- Community Involvement
- Vision Statement

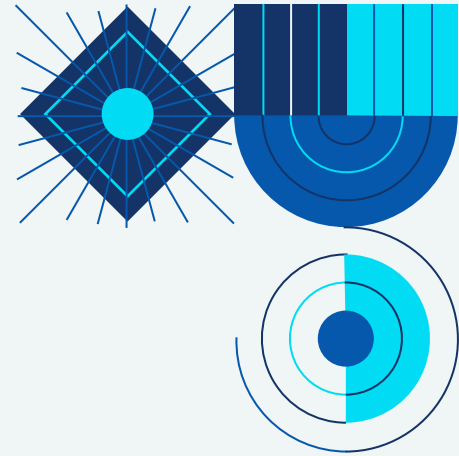
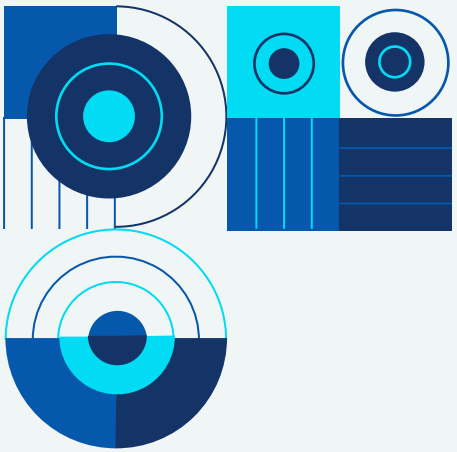




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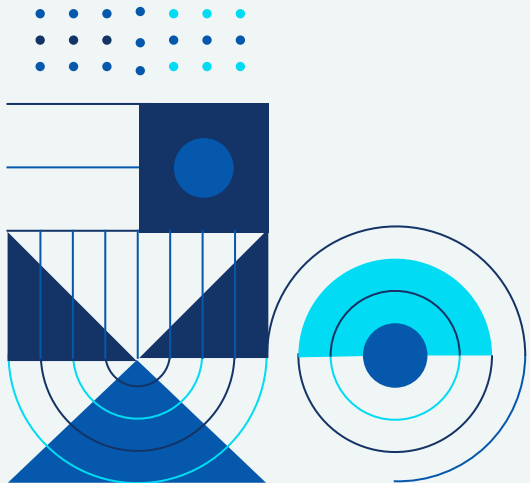
Early Childhood Advisory Council

The next few slides are going to cover all of the aspects of the Early Childhood Advisory Council.



Did you know?

Did you know that the West Orange Preschool Expansion began last year?



Early Childhood Advisory Council

Definition

Early Childhood Advisory Council or “ECAC” means an advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool through grade three that is convened by the school district.

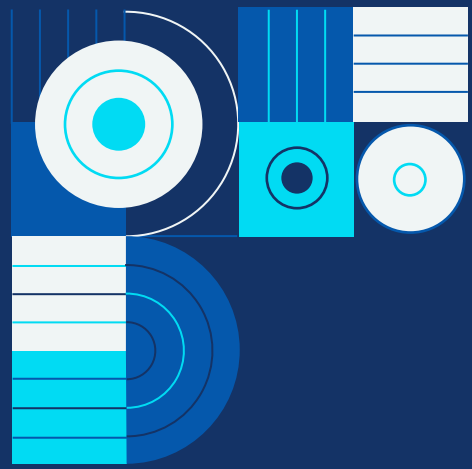
Purpose and Applicability

District board of education should establish a preschool through grade three Early Childhood Advisory Council to review preschool program implementation of high-quality programs, serve as advisory support for the local school district preschool program, and support transition as children move from preschool to grade three

Community Needs Assessment

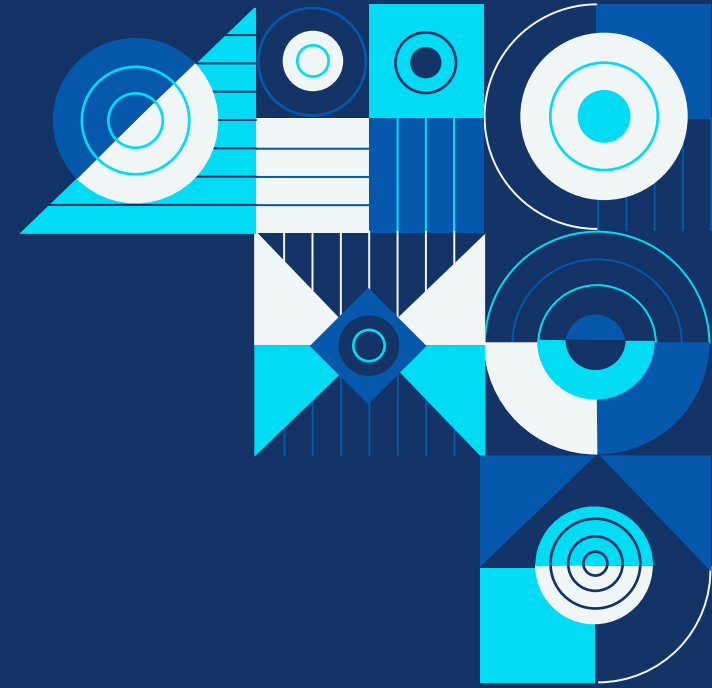
Districts should periodically conduct district-wide assessment of community needs and resources in order for the ECAC to be productive, relevant, and understand the issues and needs that affect the early childhood program



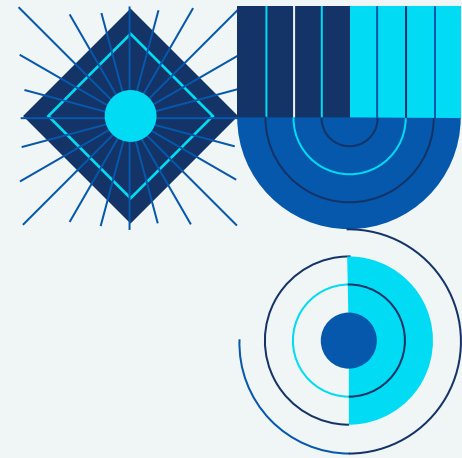
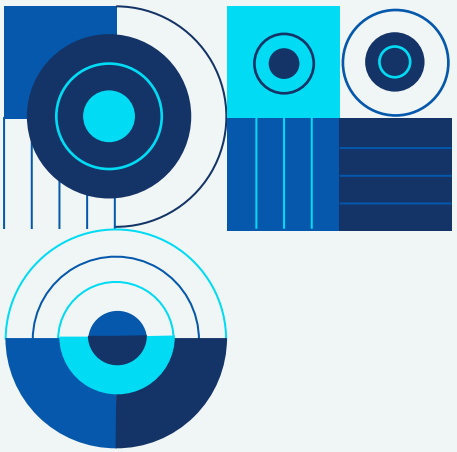


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Enrollment / Attendance

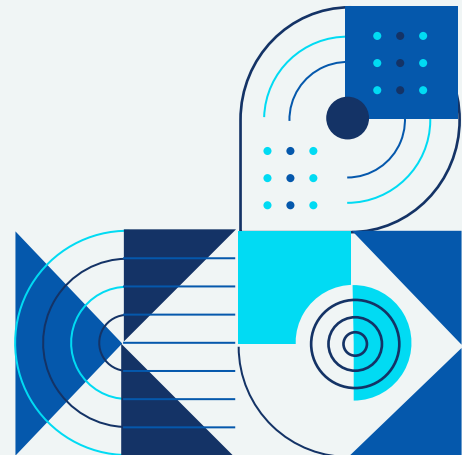
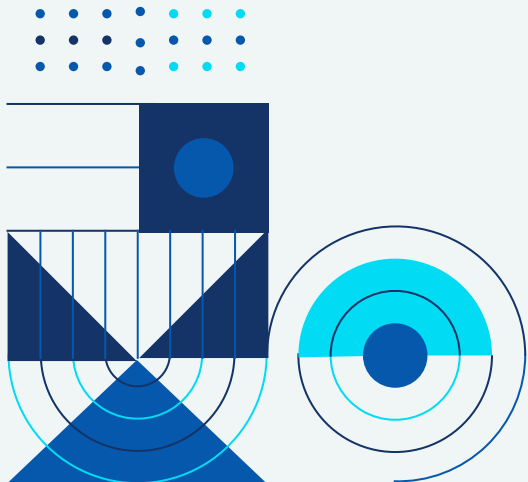


In the next few slides we are going to be discussing all things involving enrollment and attendance.



Did you know?

Did you know that the West Orange Preschool Program has classrooms in 10 different daycare centers across Essex County?
We are expanding even more for the 2024-2025 school year!





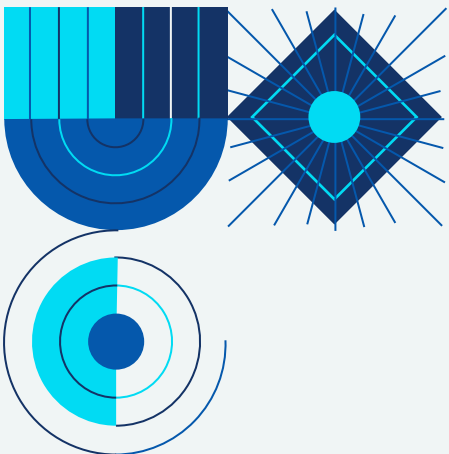
Enrollment



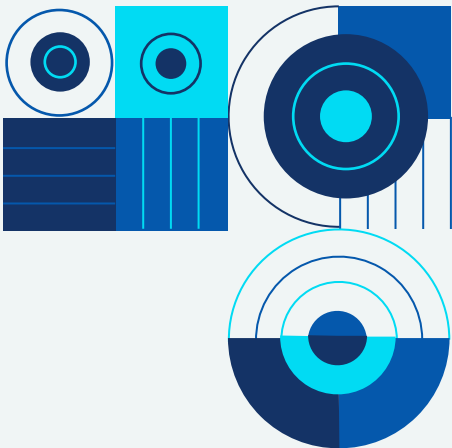
Year 1
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students

Year 2
330
students

Year 3
480
students



Enrollment



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Program**

Registration

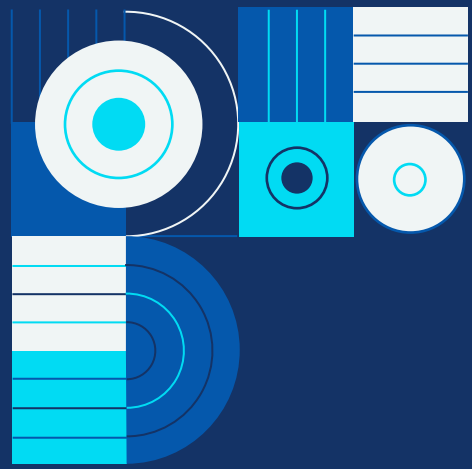
Attendance

Chronic Absenteeism

Ongoing Attendance

Action Plans

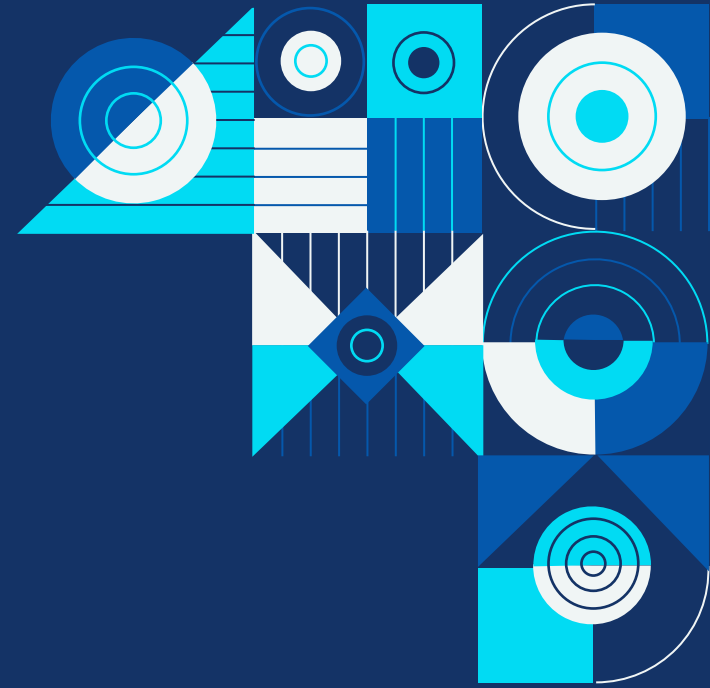
Strategies to Increase Attendance

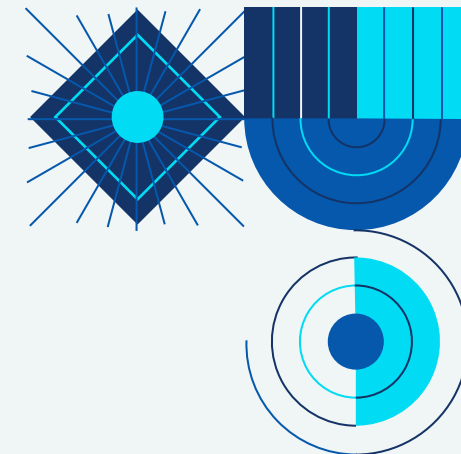
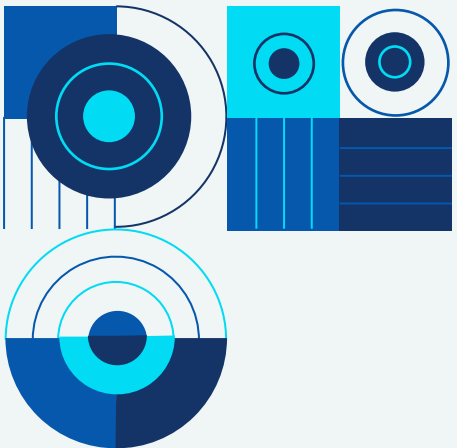


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Family Engagement

Since the expansion program is new, ensuring that our families are engaged and involved is crucial to our success. Our job is to create a stronger connection between the parents and the education system.





Did you know?

Did you know that we go on three field trips a year, as well as have a halloween parade and holiday party? We also have the fire station come with their truck for our students to explore.



Six Slices of Family Engagement



Six Slices of Family Engagement

- Slice 1
 - Welcome all Families
- Slice 2
 - Communicate Effectively
- Slice 3
 - Support Student Success
- Slice 4
 - Speak up for Every Child
- Slice 5
 - Share Power
- Slice 6
 - Collaborating with the Community



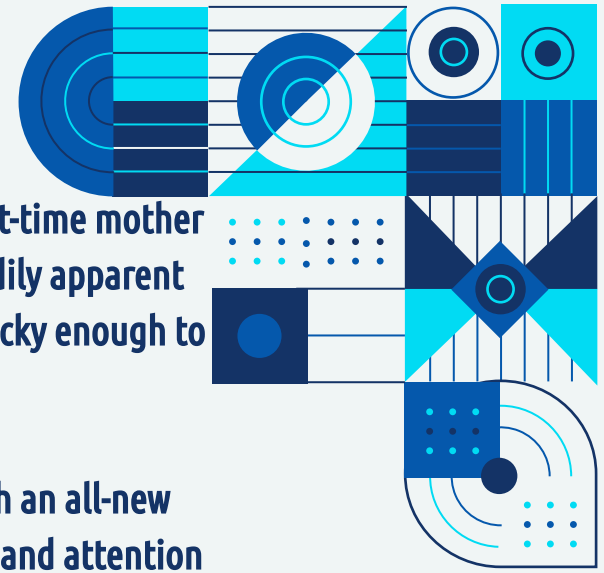
I cannot offer enough positive words about the West Orange Childhood Learning Center (ECLC). I was a first-time mother whose child was very young when the pandemic started, so of course we were cautious. But it became readily apparent that our three-year-old son needed a level of social interaction that we could no longer provide. We were lucky enough to secure a spot for him at ECLC during their inaugural year.

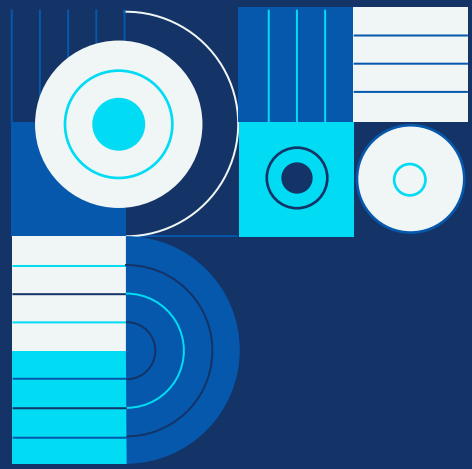
There was lots to be concerned about. How would he handle the environment? Would there be issues with an all-new program? Mrs. Torres and Mrs. Cortado immediately put me at ease, as did their colleagues. The love, care, and attention that they gave to my son was top-notch, as well as was their communication with me about his progress through the Class Dojo app, in conversations, and during conferences. When they saw areas that he could work on, they gently guided him toward improvement - so much so that I was hesitant about his second year at ECLC. What could he learn that he hadn't already?

In speaking with Mrs. Torres, we both agreed that he could further develop his social intelligence, which is just as important in growth and education. I am happy to report that my son has evolved by leaps and bounds, in large part due to the care and education he receives at ECLC. If you ever gain the opportunity to have your child enroll here, do not hesitate at the chance. You will not be disappointed in the experience, and neither will your child.

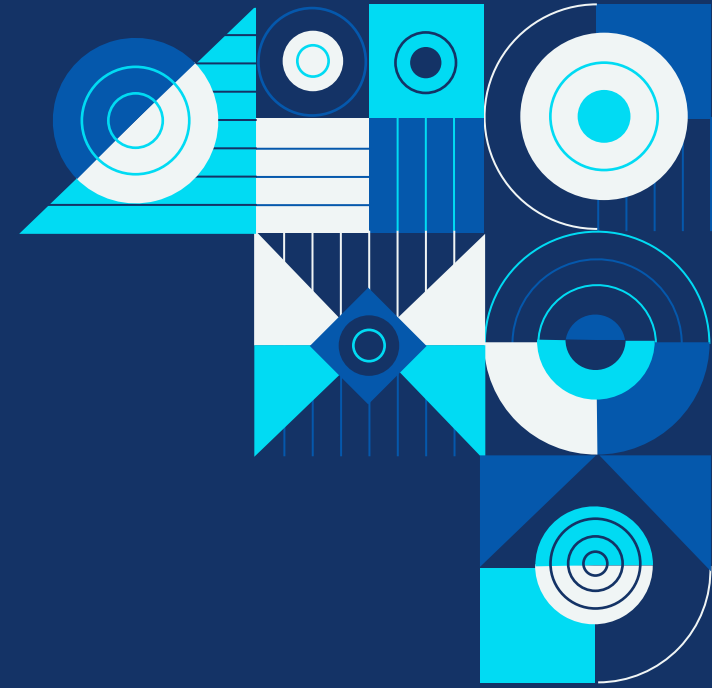


— Parent of a 2nd Year Student at ECLC





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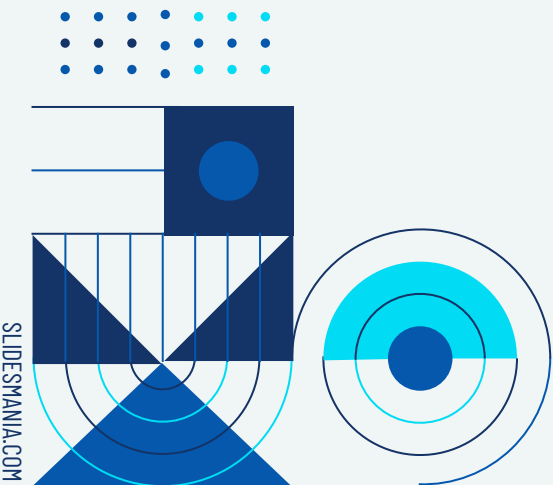
Community Involvement

Finding ways to work within the community can be challenging. Part of the Early Childhood Advisory Council is to work together with partners of the community in brainstorming events that can tie it all together.



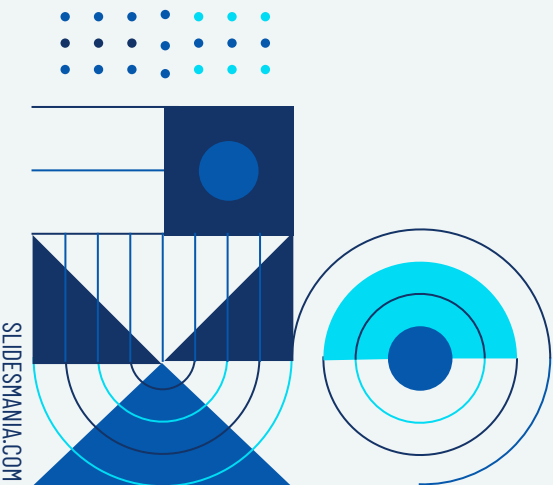
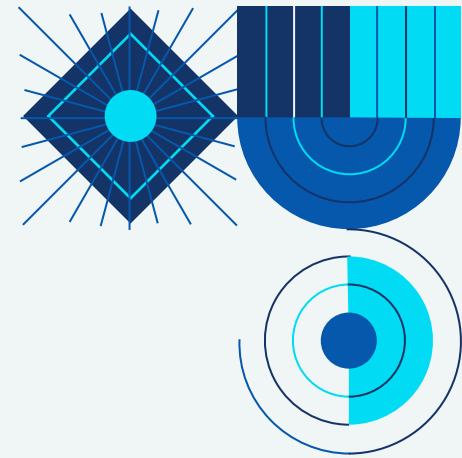
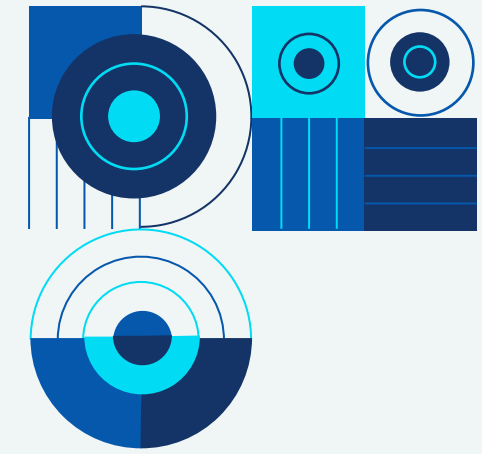
Did you know?

Did you know that monthly parent meetings are hosted to address our families needs?



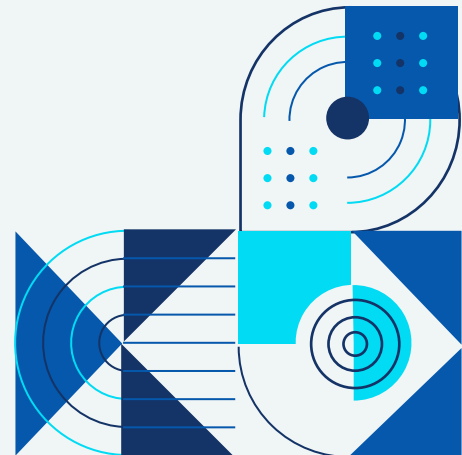
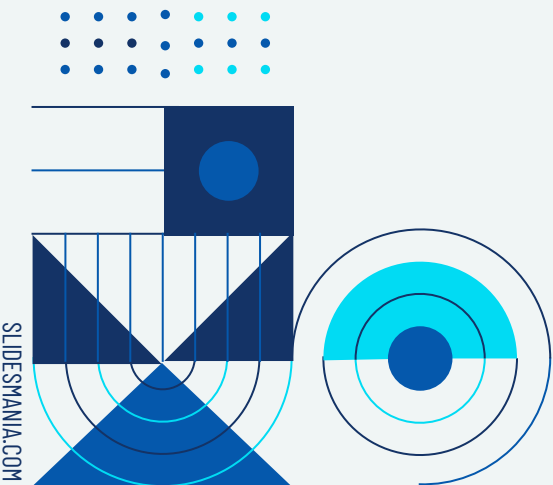
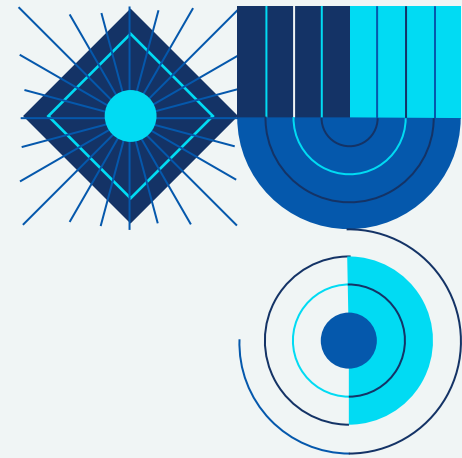
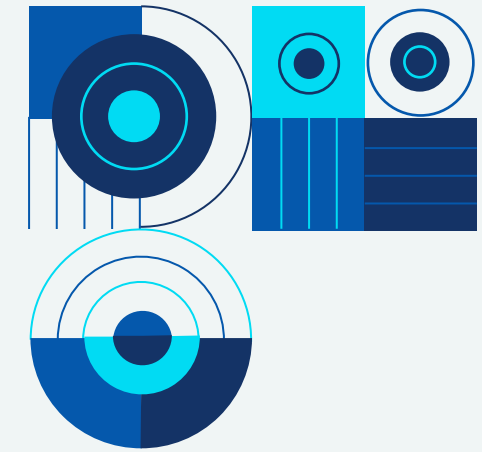
As a Team

What are ways in which we
can get the community
more involved with the West
Orange Board of Education
Early Childhood Program?



My Ideas

- Advocate
 - T-shirts
 - Brochures
 - Collaborate at Events
- Celebrate community and cultural diversity to promote inclusion
 - February - Black History Month
 - March - Women's Month



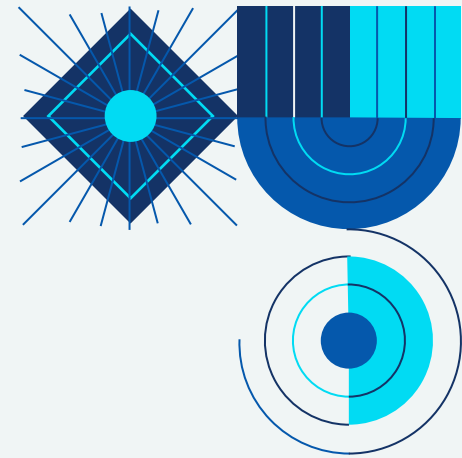
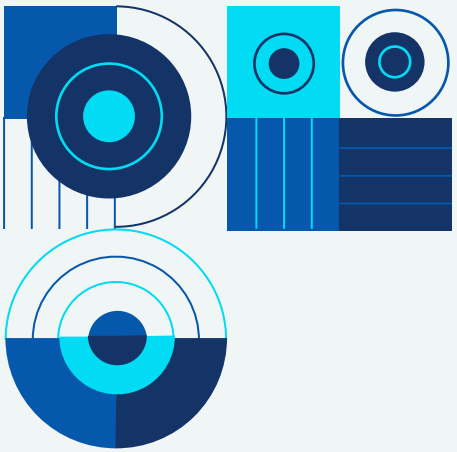
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Vision Statement

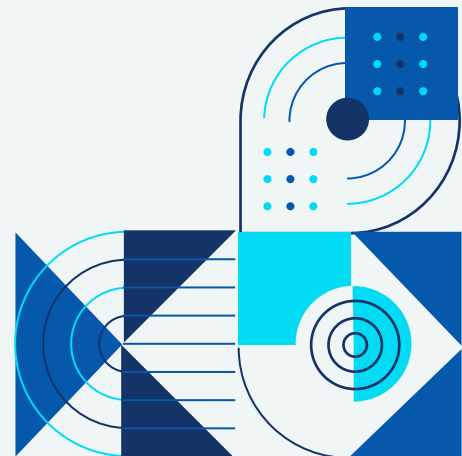
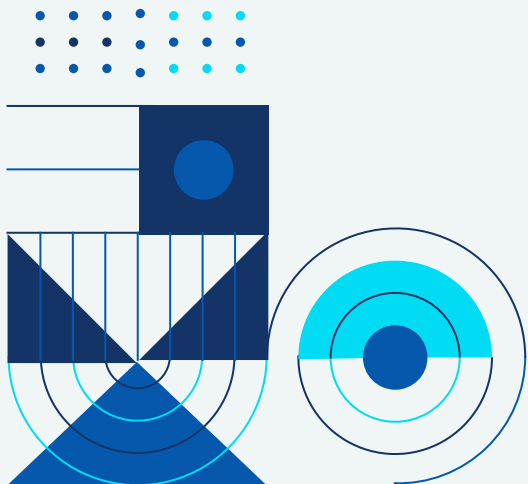
For the January Professional Development day, all preschool teachers from all locations came together and worked on a possible vision statement for the preschool program.

There are five versions of the vision statement, and we are going to determine their strengths and weaknesses!



Did you know?

Did you know that this is going to be the first ever vision statement created for the West Orange Preschool Program!





What is a Vision Statement?

- A vision statement describes the long-run objective of your organization, usually for an extended time frame
- It has more to do with the future and really describes the plan for the future
- It should have the ability to inspire and motivate others around a concept or idea

Five Main Characteristics

1. Paints a picture
2. Identifies a change
3. List core values
4. Provides a sample map
5. Solves a challenge





Thank you for your time!

Do you have any questions?

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