

Early Learner Community Timeline

The following timeline reflects when and where things need to happen while becoming an Early Learner Community. The Early Learner Communities program is sponsored by Early Learner South Dakota (ELSD), a part of the South Dakota Association for the Education of Young Children (SDAEYC).

Community stakeholders agree on improving opportunities for early learners and their families and requesting intervention through SDAEYC/ELSD. This process may be initiated through an SDAEYC/ELSD questionnaire or a meeting with an SDAEYC/ELSD representative. A meeting is held after the community contacts SDAEYC/ELSD to discuss the program's requirements. The community and representative of SDAEYC/ELSD establish the obligations of both the Community and SDAEYC/ELSD to participate in the program and review the ELC MOU. The community establishes stakeholders and signs a Letter of Intent to participate in the **ELC** program The community makes a formal application to ELSD to participate in the program. The community is accepted into the program. The community signs the MOU and is assigned a Navigator

The Community and Navigator review the ELC Tools and create an action plan suited to the unique needs and demographics of the community.