Leadership Team
Look Ahead

Dovetailing Consulting met with members of the Leadership Team on June 30th, 2009 to seek their input on the answers to two key questions. Team members generated the following responses:

1. What does success look like for the Walla Walla Valley Early Learning Coalition in the next three years?
   - We align this effort with the recommendations in the recent community report
   - People across the Walla Walla Valley will take ownership of the effort
   - Partners will be in continuous dialogue to collaboratively solve problems and adjust efforts
   - We will collectively and effectively issue resources in our community
   - Other communities look to Walla Walla as a leader
   - Early learning becomes a catch phrase to everyone in the Valley
   - Supports for families are relevant and appealing to people of different cultural, ethnic, generational and economic backgrounds
   - Families are aware of services that are available to support them, services are appropriate and appealing to families and families use them
   - Children are assessed for readiness at school entry and success at the end of kindergarten
   - More children are prepared for and successful in school
   - The community embraces the need to value and support parenting and parents feel wrapped in community support
   - Teen parents receive peer support
   - We know how to deliver programs that turn around the downward spiral some families experience
   - We know how to find and use “leverage points” to make major leaps, rather than incremental change
   - We develop and maintain trust, a consistent focus and sustained effort
   - All families see and value early learning and parenting support and there is no stigma to seeking support
   - We fund appropriate processes not just programs to deal with complexity and needs for adaptation
   - We successfully move Walla Walla to become a “Community of Caring”
   - Coalition membership and efforts reflect people of different cultural, ethnic, generational and economic backgrounds
2. As you think about success for the Coalition, what are the key indicators that will show you the Coalition has achieved its goals or been successful?
   - Higher targets of preparedness at school entry
   - Increased percentage of children who are fully prepared at school entry
   - Increased percentage of families who have “family assets” or “family strengths”
   - Increased percentage of families that are aware of the importance of early learning
   - Increased percentage of the public understands the importance of early learning
   - Increased percentage of the public supports families that are parenting young children