

Public Comments
Human Services Standards

Human Services Exhibit 1

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Standard RAL 4: Evaluate the impact of relationships between family and workplace.

This standard is key in the modern workforce for students to understand the connection between family and work and the concept of family and work balance.

Human Services Exhibit 2

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Anonymous, Educator

I feel that the updates to the middle school standards are more precise and cover an adequate amount of material for middle school. The foundation of the classes prepares students for a more in depth study of a field at the high school level.

Human Services Exhibit 3

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Tracy Kern, Educator

- 1.) Looking at the program of study, I like the changes. I'm not the biggest fan of the course titled, "Nutritional Sciences".
- 2.) I know there was much discussion about eliminating a parenting course. After looking at the program of study, a lot of careers in the family and community services pathway deal with parenting. Was this discussed?
- 3.) With early childhood, I know a lot of individuals who own their own business. Why was Business Management not included with this pathway?
- 4.) Teaching and Training could go with family and community pathway. What was the reasoning against this?

Human Services Exhibit 4

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Response to Exhibit 3: Human Services Work Group Members

Question 1: The workgroup wanted to provide a title that was broader than Dietetics, so Nutritional Sciences was selected.

Question 2: The workgroup decided there was not a clear connection between the course and business and industry. Parenting will still be addressed in the Human Development courses, etc. The standards were similar and it is hard to have human development and parenting in the same year since there is much overlap. In terms of the early childhood question, we would be focusing on preparing students for a career in childcare and not a career in parenting. Students still need to have information about parenting in terms of understanding the impact of parenting decisions on a child's development and knowing how to work with parents, but that content can be embedded in other courses. We looked up early childhood programs at the technical schools across the state and none of them offered a separate course in parenting. The discussion also centered on parenting not being an industry career. We did feel however, that parenting affected job performance, career choices and functionality in the workplace. We cannot take it out completely and it needs to be looked at and studied from a different perspective in regards to industry.

Question 3: Entrepreneurial studies was the class that would address this, and students could take more business management courses (independent of this cluster) if that was their career goal.

Question 4: The work group decided that if the focus for the student was to go into the teach and train field, then it would be better for them to take courses in that cluster.