

**State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC)
on Early Intervention**



“Promoting Excellence In Early Start”

1000 G Street, Suite 500 – Capitol Room

Sacramento, CA 95814

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Interagency Coordinating Council On Early Intervention (ICC)

ICC Mission Statement

The mission of the ICC is to promote and enhance a coordinated family service system for infants and toddlers, ages birth to three years, who have, or are at risk for having, a disability, and their families, utilizing and encouraging a family-centered approach, family-professional partnerships, and interagency collaboration.

The History of the ICC

California has a long history of providing early intervention services to infants and toddlers, ages birth to three years, and their families. In the 1960s and 1970s, special education services for infants and toddlers were provided in public schools and funded through various local, state and federal sources. With the advent of the Lanterman Developmental Disabilities Services Act (Lanterman Act) in 1969, California demonstrated its support of young children with prevention and early intervention services for infants with developmental disabilities through the regional center system. This was a huge effort and viewed as a major investment in California's children.

In 1988, the first ICC convened to provide advice and assistance to the Department of Developmental Services (DDS) regarding implementation of a coordinated early intervention system in California. In 1993, after five years of state and local planning activities in preparation for full implementation of Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), the Governor signed the California Early Intervention Services Act (CEISA: Title 14, Government Code, Section 95000 et seq.) CEISA established state authority to enhance California's early intervention service system to meet the new federal requirements under Part C. CEISA assigned DDS as lead agency in collaboration with California Department of Education (CDE). Other collaborative partners involved in the ICC include Department of Social Services (DSS), Department of Managed Healthcare (DMHC), and First 5 California.

Although the early intervention landscape has changed over the years in California, the ICC has continued to follow, advise, and assist DDS on the state of the early intervention community. The changes have included amendments to CEISA that brought the addition of provision of family support services by Early Start Family Resource Centers (FRC). FRCs provide services such as parent-to-parent support, information dissemination and referral, public awareness, family-professional collaboration activities, and transition for families. CEISA also clarified state coordination and collaboration with families and communities, service coordinator competencies and caseload size, evaluation and assessment, parent rights, referral to local FRCs and monitoring efforts. Lastly, CEISA was amended to clarify that the Part C program is based on existing systems and how regional centers must comply with the Lanterman Act. This includes regulations related to vendorization and rate setting as long as the application of state law does not conflict with early intervention statutes.

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2019 Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting Dates

The following is information regarding the 2018 Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention (ICC) Meetings. Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held at WestEd in Sacramento.* Directions, parking, and airport shuttle information to WestEd (**1000 G Street, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95814**) are included in this notice. Remote connection information available upon request.

Individuals who require accommodations in order to attend the meeting (i.e., assistive listening devices, interpreting services, materials in alternative format) should notify Jessica Dailey-Keithline at (916) 654-2767 or jessica.dailey@dds.ca.gov ten days in advance of the meeting. The meeting location is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Visit our website to view [previous ICC meeting minutes](#) and for additional information about [California Early Start](#).

2019 Quarterly Meeting Dates

<p><u>January</u> Thursday-17th Friday-18th</p>	<p><u>April</u> Thursday-11th Friday-12th</p>
<p><u>July</u> Thursday-18th Friday-19th *Los Angeles</p>	<p><u>October</u> Thursday-17th Friday-18th</p>

PROPOSED AGENDA (EXAMPLE)

DATE: Thursdays
TIME: 10:00 A.M.—4:00 P.M.

Day One Meeting

- The meeting will include:
- Review of previous Meeting Minutes
 - Review of Agenda
 - Review of previous meetings' tasks
 - Announcements
 - State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) updates
 - Improving State Systems and Communication & Outreach Committees

DATE: Fridays
TIME: 9:00 A.M.—1:00 P.M.

Day Two Meeting

- The meeting will include:
- Review of Agenda
 - Committee reports
 - Action items (as applicable)
 - Reports from the State Department Representatives
 - Public and parent input
15 minutes reserved from 10-10:15 a.m.
 - Early Intervention presentation

**2019 ICC Meeting
April 11—12, 2019
Travel Information**

Please see the complete travel packet for further instructions.

Meeting Location:

**WestEd
1000 G Street, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95814**

Lodging Information:

ICC participants who are eligible for reimbursement can make hotel reservations through the CalTravelStore, at <http://www.caltravelstore.com> or (877) 454-8785. Agents are available between the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Pacific Time, Monday through Friday.

Many hotel options are available in the area. The following are a list of a few hotels located within close vicinity of WestEd.

Holiday Inn Capitol Plaza
300 J Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
Telephone: (916) 446-0100
Toll free: (888) 465-4329

Quality Inn
818 15th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Regency Inn Downtown at Capitol Park
1121 15th Street
Sacramento, CA 95814
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Directions:

Directions to WestEd located at:
1000 G Street, Suite 500
Sacramento, CA 95814

I-5 North:

Take I-5 North. Take the J Street exit and veer to the right to continue on J Street. Take a left onto 11th Street and a left on G Street. WestEd is located on the left side.

I-5 South:

Take I-5 South. Take the J Street exit and continue on J Street. Take a left onto 11th Street and a left on G Street. WestEd is located on the left side.

From Hwy 99 North:

Take Business 80/Capital City Freeway split toward San Francisco. Take I-5 North toward Redding. Take the J Street exit and veer to the right to continue on J Street. Take a left onto 11th Street and a left on G Street. WestEd is located on the left side.

From Hwy 50:

Take Hwy 50/Interstate 80 toward San Francisco. Take I-5 North toward Redding. Take the J Street exit and veer to the right to continue on J Street. Take a left onto 11th Street and a left on G Street. WestEd is located on the left side.

Parking

There are daily parking lots available near 10th and G Streets, if eligible, which should provide you with a receipt for use in obtaining reimbursement. The following link provides resources to find parking locations:

<https://www.bestparking.com/sacramento>

Super Shuttle:

Participants can make Super Shuttle reservations by calling 1-800-BLUE-VAN. Super Shuttle is located directly outside the baggage claim area at each terminal. Reservations are not required for large parties or private charters.

Taxicabs:

Reservation options for taxicabs in the area include (but are not limited to) the following:

As of January 2016, these three companies accept direct billing. Please note that the travel will be reimbursed at the most cost effective rate; direct billing for taxicabs may not be the most cost effective travel method available.

- Yellow Cab Company of Sacramento (916) 444-2222
- Eddie's Taxicab Service (916) 761-0298
- Tim's Cab Services (916) 847-7922

Uber and/or Lyft:

Participants can make Uber and/or Lyft reservations by going online to <https://www.uber.com> and/or <https://www.lyft.com>.

For further information, please see the complete travel packet.

Thursday Meeting:

Instructions for joining remotely for the ICC Meeting

For those who cannot participate in person, the ICC Meetings will be offered in a webinar format. You are invited to attend a WebEx meeting. Participants need to call into the teleconference line **AND** login with a computer to view any online materials.

To Connect with Audio:

Dial Toll-Free Number (in USA). Dial in #: 1 (877) 369-0926

Meeting ID: **will be provided via email within the Outlook meeting request**

To Connect with Web:

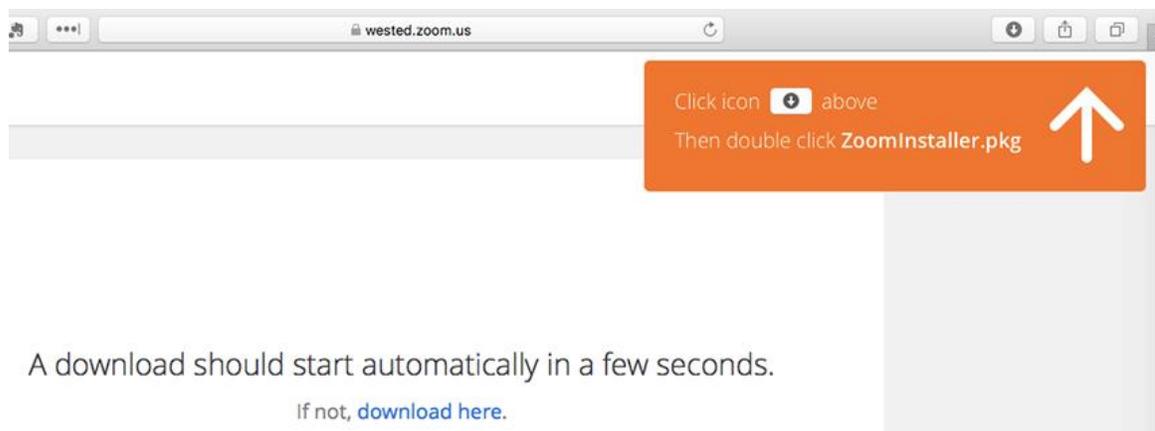
Day One info: **will be provided via email within the Outlook meeting request**

Join Zoom from a link (from email or calendar)

The best way to join a scheduled meeting is by clicking the link you were provided when you either scheduled it or were invited to it (from email, calendar invitation, etc.).

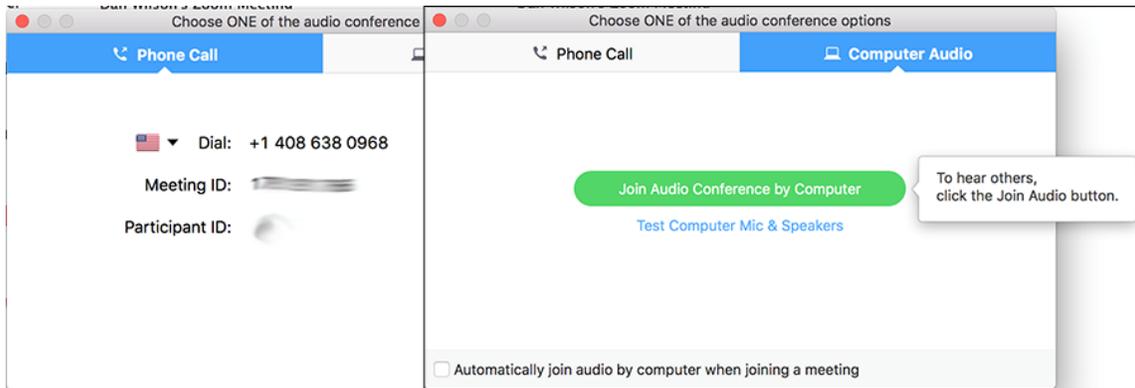
The link will launch Zoom and place you in the conference. This is true for all staff, as well as non-staff.

If you do not have the app, your browser will download the installer and prompt you to run it. Once the installer has run, it will ask for your name and then take you into the meeting.



Connect audio

Choose the **Join Audio Conference by Phone Call tab** and dial in using the provided information.



Friday Meeting:

Instructions for joining remotely for the ICC Meeting

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To Connect with Audio:

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Meeting ID: **will be provided via email within the Outlook meeting request**

To Connect with Web:

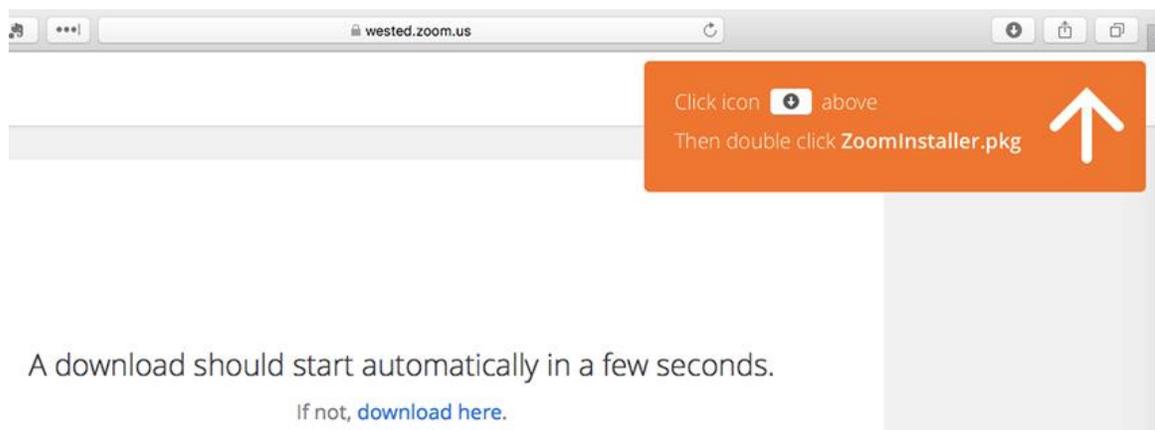
Day Two info: **will be provided via email within the Outlook meeting request**

Join Zoom from a link (from email or calendar)

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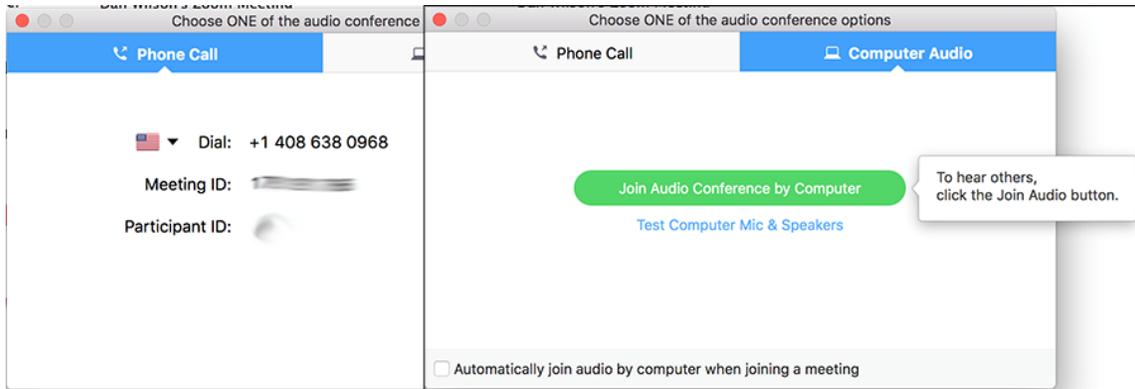
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Connect audio

Choose the **Join Audio Conference by Phone Call** tab and dial in using the provided information.



Easy Tips for Successful Web Conferencing and Conference Calls*

Participant Courtesies

1. Use a landline if possible for the least static interference.
2. Avoid cellular and cordless phones. The potential static and poor or broken connections reduce the sound quality for all conference call participants. If you must use a cell phone, find a quiet location with excellent reception and limit moving around during the call.
3. Know your phone features and how to use them. Do not wait until the call to figure them out.
4. Turn off call waiting. It is very disruptive to the call. Most call waiting features can be deactivated by pressing 70# or *70 before dialing the conference number. (Check with your carrier.)
5. Use the speaker feature on your phone only if the room is quiet and others in the room are participating on the call with you. Speakerphones can add to the overall noise of the teleconference and create a hollow sound on the call.
6. Choose a quiet location. Avoid background noises such as a radio, TV, pets, or side conversations with others.
7. Stay focused and participate on the call. Avoid using this time to answer email, eat, clear off your desk, file papers, or talk to others.
8. Be on time.
9. Introduce yourself when you join the call. If you join the call late, wait for a break in the conversation to announce that you have joined or until the moderator asks who joined.
10. Introduce yourself each time you speak. Not everyone will be familiar with your voice.
11. Mute your phone (*6) if you are not participating at the time, need to talk to someone else, or need to leave the call for any reason. Unmute your phone (#6) when you are able to return to the call.
12. Never put the call on hold. Either mute your phone (*6) and unmute your phone (#6) to rejoin, or hang up and call in again if you must leave the call.

Facilitator/Chairperson Courtesies

1. Be familiar with the audio controls.
2. Start—and end—at the scheduled time.
3. Have an agenda—preferably one that has been distributed prior to the conference.
4. Identify yourself when you first connect to the conference call.
5. Identify yourself each time you speak. Others may not know your voice. Speak clearly and at a moderate speed.
6. Take roll call at the conference start so that everyone knows who is involved and listening.
7. Review the rules of etiquette and ask that each participant identify him or herself before speaking.
8. Allow only one individual to speak at any given time during the conference.
9. As much as possible, when appropriate, address questions to individuals by name.
10. Mute the microphone or speakerphone (*6) if you must speak to others in the room with you during the conference. Unmute by pressing #6.
11. Address agenda items in their specified order.

*Thank you to the Family Resource Center Network of California, the source for many of these tips, for sharing its teleconference etiquette.

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AGENDAS

ICC Meeting Agenda (Day One)

Date: Thursday, April 11, 2019
Time: 10:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.
Room: Capitol Room
Access Code: 1087#

AGENDA ITEMS		RESPONSIBILITY
10:00-10:45	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Introductions/Roll Call • Approval of January 18-19, 2019 Minutes • Review Agenda • Announcements • Part C Literacy-Supporting the Physical and Mental Health of New and Expectant Black Mothers • Part C Literacy (Part 2)- Governor's Proposals for Infants and Toddlers With Special Needs 	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair
10:45-11:00	DDS Update	Sharon DeRego
11:00-11:30	Strategic Planning Discussion	Doug Erber
11:30-12:15	Coaching Model vs Traditional Medical Model	Howard Doi
12:15—1:30 Lunch (attendee discretion)		
1:30-4:00	Committee Meetings <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving State Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Care Subgroup • Insurance Subgroup • Family Navigation of Systems Subgroup 2. Communication & Outreach 	All

ICC Meeting Agenda (Day Two)

Date: Friday April 12, 2019
Time: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Room: Capitol Room
Access Code: 1087#

AGENDA ITEMS		RESPONSIBILITY
9:00—9:30 Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Introductions/Roll Call • Review Agenda 	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair	
9:30—10:00 Committee Reports <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Improving State Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster Care Subgroup • Insurance Subgroup • Family Navigation of Systems Subgroup 2. Communication & Outreach 	Committee Chairs	
10:00—10:30 Public Input	Marie Kanne Poulsen	
10:30—10:50 Voices from the Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero to Three • Statewide Screening Task Force • Infant Development Association of California • First 5 Association • The Arc 	Christina Nigrelli Karen Moran Finello Fran Chasen Heather Little Teresa Anderson	
10:50—11:00 Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNA)—Report	Yvette Baptiste	
11:00—11:30 Department and Council Member Reports Representatives will provide a summary and allow for discussion, questions and answers	Jim Knight, Dept. of Developmental Services Sheila Self, California Dept. of Education (CDE), Special Education Leanne Wheeler, CDE, Homeless Education Mary Sheppard/Kim Johnson, Dept. of Social Services Suzanne Sherinian , Dept. of Managed Health Care Richard Olney, Dept. of Public Health Julie A. Taylor Souliere, CHHS Child Mental Health Michelle Dove, Head Start Agency	
11:30—12:00 Black Infant Health Program	Shirley Shelton	
12:00—1:00 Next Steps and Adjourn	Doug Erber	

January 17–18, 2019
Past Meeting Minutes

State Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention
Day One Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 17, 2019
WestEd
10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Opening

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Introductions and Roll Call were conducted.

The October 2018 Meeting Minutes were approved with amendments. Sheila Self should be marked as excused for the October meeting.

The Council reviewed the Agenda, which was approved.

Several Part C Literacy resources were shared during the meeting:

- [*From Couching to Coaching*](#), an article from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA), describes strategies for communicating and engaging with families in early intervention.
- [*Position Statement on Low Birth Weight*](#), authored by the Division for Early Childhood (DEC) of the Council for Exceptional Children (CEC), endorses the development of national guidelines for the identification and Part C eligibility of children born preterm or with low birth weight.
- [*Parenting and Emotion*](#), a video produced by Child Trends, shares information about parental influence on emotion regulation in young children.

The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Update

Jim Knight provided the DDS update.

Mr. Knight shared the [*Governor's Budget Highlights*](#) with the Council. The document is available at dds.ca.gov. Highlights pertaining to DDS include:

- Increased funding for Specialized Home Monitoring primarily directed toward staffing Residential Facilities for Persons with Special Healthcare Needs, Enhanced Behavioral Supports Homes and Community Crisis Homes.
- Increased funding for Specialized Caseload Ratios for consumers with complex needs requiring intensive service coordination.
- Increased funding for Developmental Center Closure/Ongoing Workload to support the workload associated with the monitoring and coordination of individuals transitioning from Developmental Centers.
- Increased funding to develop Community Crisis Homes for Children.
- Decreased funding due to the transition of all Medi-Cal Managed Care consumers with medically necessary Behavioral Health Treatment services.
- Increased funding due to the delayed implementation of the Uniform Holiday Schedule. DDS proposes to implement the policy effective July 1, 2019.

- Increased funding to implement the minimum wage increase.
- Decreased funding due to the expiration of one-time bridge funding.
- Adjusted funding for the State Operated Residential and Community Facilities Program.
- Increased funding for the DDS Headquarters Restructure and Reorganization.

DDS continues to focus on closing the remaining two Developmental Centers in Porterville and Fairview. The Centers will be closed during 2019. The Governor's Budget reflects an investment to support the individuals who are leaving the Centers. More information about the Developmental Center closures can be found at <https://www.dds.ca.gov/DevCtrs/>.

The public comment period for the proposed regulation packages on [speech language pathology](#) and [early intervention services](#) has closed. The regulation changes are being finalized for adoption.

Routine-Based Individualized Family Service Plan Goals

Michelle Oliver provided a presentation on [Routines Based Outcomes](#)

The presentation was created for the 2017 Early Start Partners Symposium and describes how to train early intervention professionals in developing IFSP outcomes that:

- Are important and meaningful to families
- Relate to participation in family and community activities
- Explore what is working and what is challenging
- Identify what is motivating to a child and family

Additional resources that were not included in the presentation include:

- [Harper Hope: A Parent's View of the Power of Early Intervention](#).
- The Take a Minute Campaign including the *Take a Minute ... Relationships Matter* flyer, the *Take a Minute ... Relationships Matter* video, and *Provider Tips for Supporting Social-Emotional Development*. All of these materials are available on the [Early Start Neighborhood](#) in multiple languages.
- The Early Start Neighborhood. To join the Neighborhood, refer to these [instructions](#).
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website houses the [Learn the Signs. Act Early. Campaign](#) featuring tools and resources to identify and track developmental milestones in young children.
- The [California Early Start Personnel Manual](#).
- The Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA) approaches/models of early intervention service delivery:
 - [Early Intervention Delivery Approaches/Models](#)
 - [Key Principles of Early Intervention and Effective Practices: A Crosswalk with the Division for Early Childhood and National Association for the Education of Young Children Position Statement](#)

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m., and the Improving State Systems Committee and Communication and Outreach Committee meetings commenced at 1:30 p.m. The committee meetings adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

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**State Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention
Day Two Meeting Minutes
Friday, January 18, 2019
WestEd
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.**

Opening

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

Dr. Poulsen announced that Council members should make reservations for the April 11-12, 2019 meeting dates as soon as possible. The room supply in Sacramento is very low. The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) will poll the Council members to determine if moving the meeting to Southern California is a viable option.

Dr. Poulsen announced that the Council will participate in a strategic planning session during the October meeting. Ardith Ferguson from WestEd will facilitate the session.

The Council reviewed the Agenda, which was approved.

The Council viewed an [Early Start training video](#) developed by the Santa Clara County Office of Education. This video provided information on what an initial home visit should look like.

Action Item

The Council approved the April 11-12, 2019 meeting dates.

Committee Reports

Improving State Systems Committee

Foster Care Subgroup

- The Subgroup thanked Daniel Wilson from the Department of Social Services (DSS) for participating. DDS will be collaborating with a small group of regional center staff and DSS to examine Early Start access issues for children in the foster care system. Once regional center volunteers are established, this group will identify the scope of the problem, explore the challenges, and highlight the successes. A survey for regional centers to complete to obtain this information will be developed. Los Angeles County was identified as a success as it utilizes a single point of contact for consent of services. Once best practices are identified, there is a role for the Council in the dissemination of those practices. An important goal of this work is to clearly explain that services are designed to enhance a child's development.
- DSS has convened a workgroup to explore the increased identification of fetal alcohol syndrome. While the zero to three population is a small subset of this work, the Council's expertise would be beneficial in this effort.

Insurance Subgroup

- The Subgroup continues to collect data on families' experiences with private insurance and Medi-Cal. The survey is available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Japanese, Farsi, and Hmong. The survey cover letter will be modified to address the additional language availability and re-sent. The Subgroup asked for the Council's assistance in disseminating the survey. The Communications and Outreach Committee will assist with survey distribution.
- Future issues that the Subgroup plans to explore are transition, parental choice, and the 45-day timeline.
- The Council raised a question about access to care during the Subgroup report. There are reports of families being turned down for services at the point of contact, before an assessment can be conducted.
 - The Council offered that this could happen because of inadequate internal training. The Council recommended that regional center staff receive more comprehensive training in directing calls.
 - The Council suggested that DDS inquire about the quality assurance process used by regional centers. System entry could also be part of the monitoring process.
 - It was suggested that the issue could be a communication problem. Some regional centers offer web-based access for parents to communicate directly with the regional center. Do all regional centers provide easy website access for families? Another communication breakdown can occur in counties where there are two different service entry points; both the regional centers and the local education agencies.
 - Concerns about access to care should be referred to Disability Rights California as they want to connect with parents that have had this experience.

Family Navigation of Systems Subgroup

- The Subgroup is developing an infographic representation of the Early Start system. This tool will be designed for parents and providers to assist with system navigation. The next steps for the Subgroup will be tailoring the image to visually answer the basic system navigation questions (who, what, where, when).

Communication & Outreach Committee

- The Committee reviewed the Council-member binder to determine what information was suited for an electronic format.
- The Committee created a survey designed to better understand the Council makeup in terms of areas of expertise, interest, passion, and regional center catchment area. Council members will also be asked to provide a photo of themselves.
- The Committee discussed the need to add an attendance section to the ICC bylaws. The Council needs the ability to excuse non-participatory members.
- The Committee continues to develop a Council logo.

- The Council strategic plan will be discussed at the April meeting.
- The Committee recommended changing the current generic tagline (“Together, We Make a Difference”) to “Promoting Excellence in Early Start.” A motion was made, and the new tagline was approved by the Council. An additional tagline should be developed for developmental screening that is specifically aimed at parents.

Public Input

A [parent letter](#) was shared that explained how a session at the 2018 Partners Symposium changed her view of her daughter’s potential for independence.

The Council discussed the challenges surrounding the engagement of populations. Language barriers present a hurdle as families must wait for services that are available in their language.

The Council discussed that sometimes there is a lack of continuity of care between regional centers when a family moves to a different catchment area. There is no known, consistent structure in place to ensure a smooth transition.

Voices from the Field

Zero to Three

Recruitment is underway for [Strolling Thunder](#) in Washington, DC on April 30, 2019. This event brings babies and families from all 50 states to meet members of Congress and share what babies and families need to thrive.

Think Babies Academy

Funding to support family participation is available at no cost. The Academy is recruiting families that are expecting, or that have infants or toddlers. The results will be shared with the Council.

Statewide Screening Task Force

The Task Force surveyed regional centers on the feedback referral loop with the referring physician. Responses were received from 17 regional centers; nine have a feedback process and eight do not. Of the eight that do not have a feedback process, they reported that they do not have enough personnel, nor do they have enough time given the 45-day timeline.

The Task Force is surveying its members to determine if the scope of the project should be broadened beyond primary care.

The Task Force continues to develop a county-by-county resource for available infant mental health services.

The Council discussed the importance of developmental screening training for residents. It was shared that UC Davis is training both its residents and existing providers on developmental screening.

Infant Development Association of California (IDA)

IDA will focus on policy issues with the possible funding influx. A rate study is being conducted, but the results may not be available in time for the May Revision of the Governor's Budget. Those in the field remain concerned over the rates.

Upcoming events are available at www.idaofcal.org. Several policy update meetings are planned for both northern and southern California. [Membership information](#) is also available on the website.

The Arc

The Arc and United Cerebral Palsy California are committing their advocacy efforts to the upcoming rate study. There is a separate workgroup that is studying workforce issues including the lack of capacity, the inability to pay providers, and the inability of providers to recruit and retain staff. Direct support professionals plan to rally at the Capitol on April 3rd. The [2019 Developmental Disabilities Public Policy Conference](#) is March 18-19 in Sacramento.

Family Resource Centers Network of California (FRCNCA)

FRCNCA represents the 47 Family Resource Centers (FRCs) with a steering committee member from each of the nine regions that meet monthly.

FRCNCA representatives are participating in the California Autism Professional Training and Information Network (CAPTAIN), which identifies and develops a cadre of staff with enhanced knowledge about autism and evidence-based practices across California. The annual southern CAPTAIN summit was held in December and the northern summit is later this month.

Through the Early Start funding, FRC staff attended an *Orientation to Early Start* webinar presented by Emily Woolford from DDS and Debbie Sarmento from FRCNCA. In November an all-state training on Humble Inquiry was presented by Senta Greene. A monthly staff newsletter provides information to support the implementation of the Early Start contracts.

In December, Doug Erber and Senator Archuleta were invited to attend Eastern Los Angeles Family Resource Center's yearly Partnership Breakfast. At this breakfast, families, service providers and regional center staff review the yearly activities of the FRC and receive input from families about the successes and challenges of Early Start.

Lastly, the FRCNCA surveyed the 47 FRC directors to identify the successes and challenges of the FRCs. Survey results were presented in an [infographic](#).

Outreach and collaboration activities included participation in:

- The Arc California Board of Directors
- California Employment Consortium for Youth and Young Adults with Intellectual and Other Developmental Disabilities (CECY)
- California Family Strengthening Roundtable Steering Committee

- California Network of Family Strengthening/Support Networks Training and Technical Assistance Collaborative
- Family Voices of California Health Summit and Legislative Day and Home Visiting Summit
- Infant Development Association
- Lanterman Coalition
- State Interagency Team Home Visiting Planning Group
- Statewide Screening Task Force
- UC Davis Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities (CEDD) Community Advisory Committee
- UCLA Tarjan Center University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability Consumer Advisory Committee
- USC Center for Excellence in Developmental Disability Consumer Advisory Committee

Department Reports

Department of Developmental Services (DDS)

DDS is finalizing the Annual Performance Report (APR), which is due to OSEP February 1st. The Council received a comparison of the performance and compliance data from 2016 to 2017. Data was collected through the California Department of Education, the regional centers, the monitoring process and family surveys. It was noted that some data is limited, in that certain indicators reflect data from the seven regional centers that were monitored during the year. DDS is exploring other ways to get reporting information so there is more of a focus on quality. The 2016-2017 APR report is available at www.dds.ca.gov. The new report will be posted there as well.

DDS is currently developing training on transition with WestEd. The Council discussed the difficulty in transition planning for those children with July and August birthdays. Families need to know when to start planning. The Council can assist by identifying strategies to help families with the issue.

California Department of Education (CDE)

Tony Thurmond is the new State Superintendent of Public Instruction. There is a preschool development grant to support programs and there is additional funding in place for county offices of education for needs assessment on childcare options within the county.

There is also additional funding for local education agencies (LEA) for increased inclusive opportunities for children with disabilities. There is a stakeholder group looking at inclusion. Specifically, the group is focusing on 1) the Pyramid Model to address children with challenging behaviors and 2) suspension and expulsion rates in the zero-five population. Within this population of children, it is often deemed “not a good fit” rather than expulsion. The expulsion/suspension rates are three times higher for children zero-five than for K-12 combined. The following resources were recommended to the Council:

- <https://wested.ent.box.com/s/2zqwk9i9pexuw2rlc9p8d1ra9v2h4alk>
- [Policy Statement on Challenging Behavior and Young Children](#)
- [Policy Statement on Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs](#)

Department of Social Services (DSS)

There is new funding for increasing the early learning workforce. This is an opportunity for the Council to make recommendations. Additionally, there is a consumer education component within the preschool development, this is another opportunity of the Council to assist. DSS also is working on other efforts including paid family leave, Adverse Childhood Experiences Screening (ACES), home visiting, and black infant health. There are many opportunities within these areas to embed information about screening.

With the shutdown of the federal government, the state's social safety net resources are being stretched.

Pat Leary is the new Acting Director of DSS, other DSS leadership positions are also transitioning.

DSS is building capacity around trauma informed practices at the state and local levels through funding related to child abuse and a maternal health and substance abuse grant.

Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC)

Health plan acquisitions are in the review process. With these types of mergers, DMHC requires various investments in California's health care delivery system. This is an opportunity for the Council to provide input on where those investments could be directed. The [Timely Access Report](#) for 2017 has been released and is available at www.dmhc.ca.gov.

Head Start Agency

Classrooms that have implemented the Pyramid Model and are showing a decrease in suspensions and expulsions. A train-the-trainer program has been implemented for the model. A family development credential program is being implemented to further focus on family engagement and social emotional development.

Kaiser NICU Graduate Screening Program

Jennifer Teykaerts from WestEd shared information about her experience with the [Kaiser Roseville NICU Graduate Screening Program](#). The program utilizes the Ages and Stages screening tool. The program is not Kaiser-wide, however, it was implemented at the Roseville location as a way to ensure that babies with NICU stays received access to any additional supports and services. The local Kaiser follows up with every child that went through their NICU. This is a great way to reach all NICU families. The Council may want to brainstorm about program growth.

California High Risk Infant Follow-up Program

Dr. Maria Jocson from the Integrated Systems of Care Division, California Department of Health Care Services presented on the [California High Risk Infant Follow-up \(HRIF\) Program](#).

The Council asked Dr. Jocson follow-up questions after the presentation:

- In the past, there was a home visiting component to the HRIF. Is there any plan to restore the project?
 - At this time, there is no funding available for home visits.
- Has HRIF connected with the Family Resource Centers?
 - There is a contract in place with Family Voices, but the program is looking to increase family engagement.
- Will borderline preemies (34-36 weeks) be included in the program?
 - At this time, the target is smaller more vulnerable infants but individual NICUs are supporting those borderline preemies. There is no statewide effort at this point, but it is on the radar.
- Does the program include drug exposed babies?
 - Right now, this is dependent on funding and priorities.
- Is the program capable of following families as they move? It is hard to get those families re-connected.
 - The discharging NICU should be the entity connecting the family with follow-up and services in the new location.
- Is there a feedback loop between the HRIF and the pediatrician?
 - Yes. The pediatrician and HRIF should be connected.

The Council meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

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