

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



***“Promoting Excellence In Early Start”***

***July 15, 2021  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.***

***July 16, 2021  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.***

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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 Health Care (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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**2021 Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting Dates**

The following is information regarding the 2021 Interagency Coordinating Council on Early Intervention (ICC) Meetings. At this time meetings are being held via Zoom. The instructions and links to join the meeting are included in the meeting packet. 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 Melanie Manus at (916) 654-2773 or [EarlyStart@dds.ca.gov](mailto:EarlyStart@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](#).

**2021 Quarterly Meeting Dates**

<p><b><u>January</u></b>                  Thursday-14<sup>th</sup>                  Friday-15<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b><u>April</u></b>                  Thursday-15<sup>th</sup>                  Friday-16<sup>th</sup></p>
<p><b><u>July</u></b>                  Thursday-15<sup>th</sup>                  Friday-16<sup>th</sup></p>	<p><b><u>October</u></b>                  Thursday-14<sup>th</sup>                  Friday-15<sup>th</sup></p>

**PROPOSED AGENDA (EXAMPLE)**

**DATE: Thursdays**  
**TIME: 9:00 A.M.—1:00 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**
- Early Intervention presentation



## **Instructions for joining remotely for the ICC Meeting**

The ICC Meeting will be offered in a webinar format. You are invited to attend a Zoom 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).  
877 369 0926 US Toll-free  
877 853 5247 US Toll-free

Day One  
Meeting ID: 923 0349 7250

Day Two  
Meeting ID: 997 6874 3350

### **To Connect with Web:**

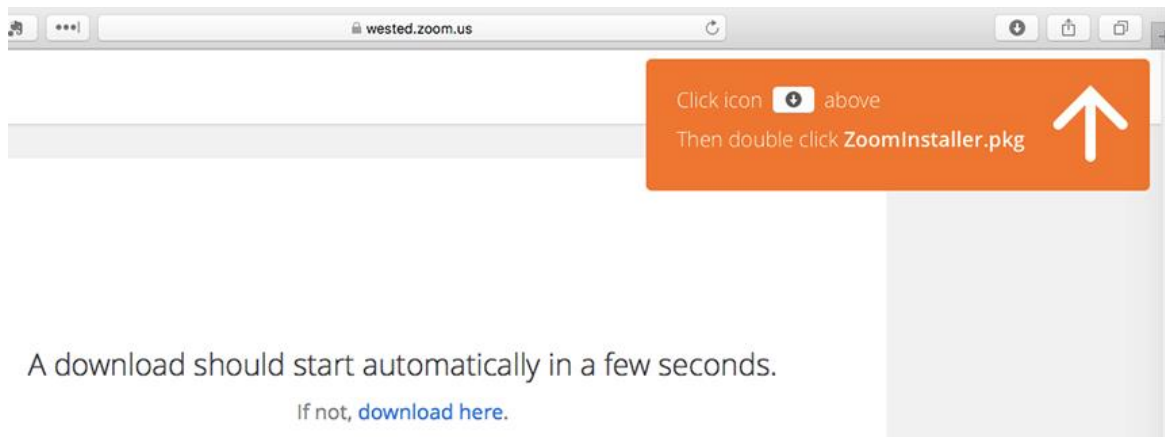
Join Zoom Meeting-Day One  
<https://wested.zoom.us/j/92303497250>

Join Zoom Meeting-Day Two  
<https://wested.zoom.us/j/95204231860>

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.)

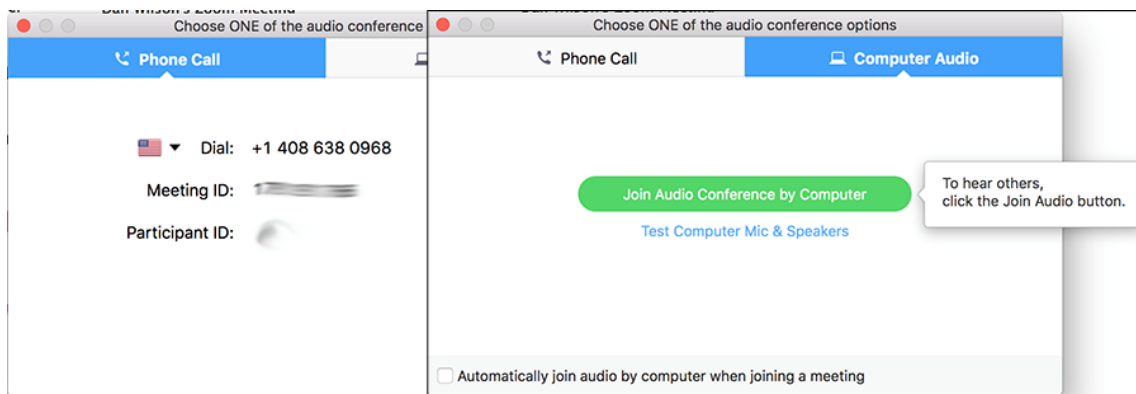
The link will launch Zoom and place you in the conference. This is true for all staff, as well as non-staff.

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.



## **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.

**July 15-16, 2021**

**AGENDA**

<b>ICC Meeting Agenda (Day One)</b>		<b>Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021</b> <b>Time: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.</b> <b>Room: Zoom</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>		<b>RESPONSIBILITY</b>
9:00—9:15	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Introductions/Roll Call</li> <li>• Review Agenda</li> <li>• Announcements</li> </ul>	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair
9:15—10:15	Coming Home – Easing the Process from NICU to Early Start *Project Update	Howard Doi, San Andreas Regional Center Michelle Oliver, Santa Clara County Office of Education Michelle Kjellesvig, Santa Clara County Office of Education
10:15—10:30	BREAK	
10:30—11:00	Service Access and Equity	Leinani Walter, DDS Lauren Libero, DDS
11:00—11:30	Remote Services Emergency Regulations	DDS
11:30—1:00	Committee Meetings, Breakout Sessions	Communications and Outreach Improving State Systems

<b>ICC Meeting Agenda (Day Two)</b>		<b>Date: Friday, July 16, 2021</b> <b>Time: 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.</b> <b>Room: Zoom</b>
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>		
9:00—9:15	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Introductions/Roll Call</li> <li>• Review Agenda</li> <li>• Approve April Meeting Minutes</li> <li>• Part C Literacy – Racism Creates Inequities in Maternal and Child Health, Even Before Birth</li> </ul>	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair
9:15—9:35	Committee Reports	Improving State Systems Communications and Outreach Darby’s Legacy Ad Hoc
9:35—9:45	Present Early Start PSA	Omari Smith, DDS
9:45—10:25	Annual Performance Report Targets	January Crane, DDS
10:25—11:00	Family First Prevention Services Act	Kelly Winston, CDSS
<b>11:00—11:15 BREAK</b>		
11:15—11:30	Public Input	
11:30 —12:20	Department and Council Member Reports Representatives will provide a summary and allow for discussion, questions and answers	Leanne Wheeler, CDE, Homeless Education Suzanne Sherinian, Dept. of Managed Health Care Stephanie Welch, CHHS Child Mental Health Michelle Dove, Head Start Agency Richard Olney, Dept. of Public Health Shanice Orum, Dept. of Social Services Lisa Witchey, Dept. of Social Services Maricris Acon, Dept. of Developmental Services Heather Calomese, California Dept. of Education (CDE), Special Education
12:20—12:50	Voices from the Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Zero to Three</li> <li>• Statewide Screening Task Force</li> <li>• Infant Development Association of California</li> <li>• First 5 Association</li> <li>• The Arc</li> <li>• California Disability Community Action Network</li> </ul>	Christina Nigrelli Karen Moran Finello Fran Chasen  Heather Little Teresa Anderson Marty Omoto
12:50—1:00	Family Resource Center Network of California (FRCNCA)–Report	Yvette Baptiste

**April 15-16, 2021**

**Past Meeting Minutes**

**Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention**  
**Thursday April 15, 2021**  
**Zoom Conference Call**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

**Opening**

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair, opened the Zoom room at 9:04 am and welcomed everyone, and reminded everyone to practice self-care.

**Roll Call**

The roll call was conducted.

**Review Agenda**

No changes were made to the Agenda.

**Announcements**

- Dr. Poulsen introduced three new community representatives: Katie Hornberger, Maria Ruiz-Merroth, and Sheri Farinha.

**Impact of Poverty on Brain Development and the Effectiveness of Telehealth in Low-income Populations**

Sara Torten, OTD, OTR/L, Amigo Baby, Inc.

- PowerPoint will be requested and provided to ICC by DDS.
- Discussion and questions:
  - Question: Is Telehealth an approved (billable) activity ongoing? Is Telehealth funded by EPSDT or through what funding source?
    - Answer: Pablo Velez commented that telehealth was approved only during the current state of emergency and that it would be beneficial if approval was permanent.
  - Pablo Velez shared that parents want to continue Telehealth visits because of the flexibility in scheduling it offers.
  - Maria Ruiz-Merroth shared that early intervention is key to successful long-term outcomes for children and families.
  - Sara Torten shared that she believes poverty should be a qualifier to receive early intervention.

**Committee Meetings**

The following ICC Committees met for breakout sessions:

- Communications and Outreach
- Improving State Systems



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Leah Howley  
Laurie Jordan\*  
Linda Landry\*  
Diana Maffei  
Gayatri Mahajan  
Robin Millar  
Karen Moran Finello  
Christina Nigrelli  
Maria Ruiz-Merroth  
Michelle Oliver  
Julie Rems-Smario  
Robert Rochin

Sheri Rosen  
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**Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention**  
**Friday April 16, 2021**  
**Zoom Conference Call**  
**Time: 9:00 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

## **Opening**

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair, opened the Zoom room at 9:05 a.m.

- Welcomed everyone, thanked the team that supports the meeting, and reminded everyone to “care for yourself as you would others.”

## **Roll Call**

The roll call was conducted.

## **Review Agenda**

No changes were made to the Agenda.

## **Approve January Meeting Minutes**

Matthew Chesnut made a motion to approve; Lisa Witchey seconded. Minutes were approved with no changes.

## **Part C Literacy – Solutions to Improving Black Maternal Health**

Dr. Poulsen presented an article outlining a study done by the Association of Black Cardiologists. She highlighted the disparities that Black women face in healthcare, which includes an elevated risk of death during childbirth. Racism and under representation of Black medical professionals is linked in the study to these negative outcomes. Other factors include a lack of access to medical care in communities of color, general distrust of medical professionals born of historical mistreatment of the Black community and other social determinates like poverty.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Improving State Systems Committee**

Matthew Chesnut reported :

- Sharon DeRego provided an update to the Committee per their request on the use of teleintervention, utilization of the DDS BabyLine, Early Start referrals, and outreach efforts.
- The Committee discussed current legislation, and committee members volunteered to track the legislation.
- The Committee agreed to develop a working group to research teleintervention, identify best practices, and draft a report on the findings.

- Mr. Chesnut developed a Google doc that all the committee members can use to identify current issues in the state system and solutions for solving them.

### **Communications and Outreach Committee**

Doug Erber reported:

- The Committee received an update on the public service announcements (PSAs) that are in development:
  - A family-focused PSA will include a diverse group of families and their experience in early intervention.
  - An animated PSA will show a family entering and receiving services in the Early Start program.
- The Department of Developmental Services (DDS) Early Start website is undergoing changes to become more user-friendly and to highlight the resources that families need.
- The California Department of Education is developing a resource for families that are homeless, and the committee will determine how to disseminate the resource.
- DDS was commended for creating resources in English, Spanish and other languages.
- Going forward, Dr. Poulsen gave some direction to identify barriers to getting services, unmet needs, early identification for autism, outreach to Native Americans, and undocumented mothers and other vulnerable populations.
- A survey was created to track how the PSAs are shared by the committee members.

### **Adhoc Committee- Darby's Legacy: Best Practices Serving Families with Infants and Toddlers who are Medically Fragile**

Linda Landry provided an update.

- This group was established to be responsive to the issues raised in the ICC; and they held a meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- The Committee is Co-Chaired by the ICC's Linda Landry and Teresa Anderson and includes parents, clinicians, and representatives from family resource centers, the Department of Managed Health Care, the Department of Health Care Services, DDS, County Mental Health, and regional centers.
- The Committee will create a 'roadmap' for families and those who support them.

### **Presentation: Black Infant Health Program**

Niambi Lewis, California Department of Public Health (CDPH), explained the details of the Black Infant Health Program:

- The Black Infant Health Program focuses on the health of African American mothers and their children with a goal of empowering African American women to make healthy choices for themselves and their families. The program is open to all African American women over the age of 16.
- The Perinatal Equity Initiative provides oversight of county level programs and guidance regarding evidence-based, evidence-informed, or reflective promising practices.

- The Community Birth Plan is a pilot program in Los Angeles County with the goal of creating a system of feedback from African American women to the hospitals that they gave birth in, to improve conditions by changing policies that resulted in negative outcomes.
  - Dr. Poulsen asked the group if they had had any training on implicit bias. Several representatives confirmed that they had. Additionally, Dr. Brian Marks was identified as a resource for training.
  - Dr. Poulsen expressed that the ICC is eager to partner and collaborate with this program.

### **Presentation: Black Maternal Health**

Felicia Ford and Francis Saunders, California Black Women’s Health Project, presented.

- Felicia Ford shared a story about her experience as a Black mother of a child who went through the Early Start program. She shared her personal struggles during birth/delivery, which were impacted by racial and economic bias inherent in the hospital practices. She recounted that once it was discovered that her daughter would need additional supportive services, she was referred to her local regional center. She thanked the regional center for empowering her and providing the services that she needed.
- Francis Saunders spoke about her role, structuring outreach for the project. In that role, she:
  - strives to bring members of the Black community into the medical field;
  - works with Black mothers to give them the knowledge to advocate for themselves;
  - runs a program that helps Black men address the issue of violence in the community;
  - coordinates an outreach program for doulas and midwives to connect with those who could use their services.

**BREAK: 10:30 – 10:45**

### **Public Input**

No public input was provided.

### **Voices from the Field**

Zero to Three, Christina Nigrelli:

- State of Babies Yearbook is ready to launch April 22<sup>nd</sup> via a virtual [event](#). First 5 and Zero to Three are launching a community of learning (COL) to support home visitors; the first session will focus on mindfulness. The [applications](#) to join the Mindfulness COL are due next week. Additional topics will be added as time goes on.

Statewide Screening Collaborative Task Force, Karen Finello of WestEd:

- This group hosted the first in a [webinar series](#) that focuses on the voice of Native American communities called *Family Voice*.
- The [second webinar](#) in the series is May 20; there are 74 registrants. These webinars are not recorded to maintain the privacy of the guests and speakers.

Infant Development Association of California, Fran Chasen and Douglas Erber:

- Presented in Los Angeles County on the childcare planning committee for Early Start.
- Created a [PSA](#) with Senator Mike McGuire for the Week of the Young Child.
- Announced an upcoming webinar about Early Start in a post COVID-19 world.

First 5 Association, Alexandra Parma:

- Hosting their third annual Día de Los Libros event on April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Working with the First 5 centers on a program that will describe how medical and managed care plans interact with Early Start.
- Partnered with United Way of California for an outreach program for the California Earned Income Tax Credit and the Young Child Tax Credit.
- Shared their presentation [notes](#).

Family Resource Centers Network of California (FRCNA), Yvette Baptiste:

- Reported on trainings provided to Early Start staff.
- Karen Ortega has helped the FRCs pivot to provide more training to families about how to practice self-care.
- During the monthly meeting of the FRC Directors there was a focus on the Centers providing services related to the pandemic, including:
  - Information and outreach about vaccinations.
  - Walk-up clinics.
  - Handing out PPE (Personal Protective Equipment).
  - Assistance in identifying and addressing the needs of communities of color.
  - Information for families on vaccination locations and assistance with scheduling.
- Legislation:
  - DDS Community Navigator program: This program was included in the proposed budget for the 21-22 year and could be approved along with the final budget.
  - AB 126: This bill allocates \$20 million received through federal funding to support expansion of the Family Empowerment Centers. This has not been passed; encouraged attendees to contact legislators to support this bill.
- Received an Access and Equity Grant from DDS to support Black and Latino children as they transition from Early Start to the education system. With the additional resources, the program can be expanded in 8 to 10 areas across the State.
- Shared a [video](#) produced with [CAPTAIN](#) (California Autism Professional Training and Information Network) and detailing services.

## Council Member Reports

Michelle Dove, Head Start Agency

- Head Start was granted additional funding for COVID-19 to prepare and prevent spread. These funds are flexible and can be used to help the community.

Richard Olney, CDPH, Center for Family Health

- Most of the agency's focus is on the ongoing vaccination effort.
- Diane Lindsey is the new Chief for the Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health Division

Shanice Orum, Department of Social Services (CDSS)

- CDSS hosted a panel with representatives from the local regional center on Early Start programs.
- The guidelines for childcare providers/centers were updated based on the latest information from the Centers for Disease Control.
- On-site childcare inspections were halted until it has been determined to be safe to send representatives out again.

Lisa Witchey, CDSS

- CDSS is going through reorganization, and they have moved to a new branch. Their focus on early childhood has not changed.
- The birth through 6 toolkit is in the process of being updated with feedback from the community. It will focus on how every level of CDSS can support children and families that experience trauma.

Maricris Acon, DDS

- We continue to provide Early Start webinars, on teleintervention and on mental health and wellness.
- Early Start cases from January to March have increased 12% with 660 additional referrals.
- Some regional centers have seen a decrease in cases, and they are stepping up their efforts to identify children who would benefit from services.
- DDS and the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) are partnering to work with healthcare providers to educate them on their obligation to refer children and families to the Early Start program and the FRCs.
- On April 2<sup>nd</sup> DDS extended the directive that allows children to remain in the Early Start program until transitional services can return.
- DDS is exploring options about how they can extend teleintervention services once the pandemic is over.
  - Ms. Acon advised that letters from families on their experiences with telepractice in Early Start be sent to Early Start at DDS.

Sara Neville-Morgan, California Department of Education (CDE), Special Education

- The Governor's Budget includes \$300 million for special education.



- The American Rescue Plan specifies funding for the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The projection for California is \$206 million for Part B and \$24 million for Part C.
- The Inclusive Early Education plan is expanding.
- SB 75: Part C to Part B Transition advisory group met and received feedback on the draft report. The workgroups are done, and they are finalizing the report, to be submitted to the Legislature by October 1<sup>st</sup>.
- CDE is hosting an Early Childhood [webinar series](#) on creating brave spaces in early childhood:
  - First webinar on strategies to interrupt racism, bias and hate, is scheduled for April 26, 6 - 8 p.m.
  - Second webinar, on how preschool suspension and expulsions are hurting children long-term, will be May 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Questions from members:
  - What is being done to train professionals on the issues that are causing removal or expulsion?
    - There was a bill that was passed that prevents expulsions; programs must create a plan with parents to help the children. California Inclusion and Behavior Consultation (CIBC) at WestEd is available to support these programs/professionals.
  - Will the webinars be recorded?
    - Yes. Recordings will also be posted.
  - Is there any language in the bills that is specific to Early Start?
    - There is not specific language, but if members have language to suggest, they may write directly to the author of a bill.
- Grants for homeless education will be awarded soon, as the application process has finished.

Suzanne Sherinian, DMHC

- Shared that DMHC was able to stop a family from being charged \$51,000 for a helicopter ride their child had to take when being transferred from one hospital to another.
- Are reviewing all proposed federal healthcare legislation.

Closing comments:

- Dr. Poulsen would like everyone to help develop the ICC Agenda. She invited members to contact her with suggestions. She also reminded members to complete the survey from the Communications Committee as requested.

Meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

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