

STATE INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC) ON
EARLY INTERVENTION

FEBRUARY MEETING PACKET



Meeting Dates and Times

February 6, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

February 7, 2025
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 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.

Interagency Coordinating Council

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Instructions for joining remotely for the ICC Meeting

The ICC Meeting will be online via Zoom. Register by clicking the links below.

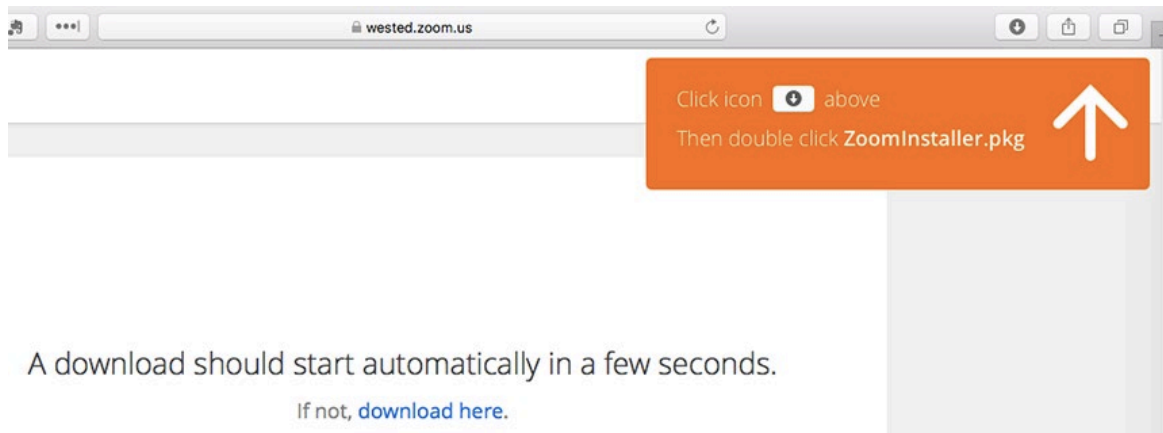
[Register Here for Day 1](#) (9 am to 4:30 pm)

[Register Here for Day 2](#) (9 am to 12:30 pm)

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.



Join with computer audio or phone

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.



New Dates:

**2-Day State Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention
February 6 and 7, 2025**

Hello ICC participants & members of the public:

Due to the current fire emergencies in Los Angeles, the next 2-day ICC meeting will be rescheduled to **February 6 and 7, 2025** via Zoom. This decision was made in consideration of all families, service providers, regional centers, and family resource centers impacted by these events.

As the fires continue to affect our communities, we want to send our deepest gratitude to firefighters, first responders, regional center and family resource center staff and community members protecting and supporting everyone impacted. Our hearts remain with you.

Anyone who already registered for tomorrow and Friday will be automatically registered for the new February dates.

Interested attendees who cannot join the entire meeting are encouraged to participate in any portion they can. The recordings will be made available online after the meetings conclude.

If you have not already, please register for one or both days below.

While you will be prompted to input information in the name field when registering, you may put "anonymous."

ICC - Day 1

Thursday, February 6, 2025

9:00am-4:30pm

REGISTER for DAY 1 - THURS., 2/6 HERE

ICC - Day 2

Friday, February 7, 2025

9:00am-12:30pm

REGISTER for DAY 2 - FRIDAY, 2/7 HERE

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email with your personalized link to join the Zoom meeting. Please join the meeting 10 minutes early to test your audio/video.

We look forward to seeing you online on February 6 & 7th. Please email EarlyStart@dds.ca.gov with any questions.

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California Department of Developmental Services

[State ICC on Early Intervention Page](#)

Email: EarlyStart@dds.ca.gov

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ICC Meeting Agenda (Day One)

Zoom Link: [Meeting Registration-Day 1-Zoom](#)

Date: February 06, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.

Location: [Zoom](#)

The order in which agenda items are considered may be subject to change. Public comment will be taken as part of the meeting on both days. Prior to making your comments, please state your name for the record and identify any group or organization you represent. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to speak, the facilitators may establish specific time limits on comments.

Agenda Items	Facilitator/Presenter
(9:00-9:20) Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome • Housekeeping Items/Zoom Instructions • Introductions/Roll Call • Review Agenda • Approval of the Minutes • Review of ICC Mission and Purpose, and Theme of Meeting: Updates on Early Intervention • Part C Literacy Article 	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair DJ Tomko, DDS
(9:20-10:00) DDS Updates and Information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DDS Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ Questions and Answers (10 minutes) 	DDS
(10:00-10:45) Voices from the Field <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant Development Association of California • California Disability Community Action Network • FRCNCA • Questions and Answers (5 minutes) 	Fran Chasen Marty Omoto Yvette Baptiste
(10:45-11:00) Break	
(11:00-12:00) Presentation: APR & Budget Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Answers (10 minutes) 	DDS

(1:00-2:00) ICC Council Reports Updates by ICC Council Members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions and Answers 	Karmina Barrales - CDE Homeless Education Maricris Acon - Dept. of Developmental Michelle Dove - Head Start Agency Pamela Riley - Dept. of Health Care Services Doug Erber – Parent/Autism Partnership Foundation Shanice Orum - Dept. of Social Services Susan Ducore - Indian Health Care
	Suzanne Sherinian - Dept. of Managed Health
(2:00-2:15) Public Input	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair DJ Tomko, DDS
(2:15-2:20) Announcement of Committee Composition and Goals	DJ Tomko, DDS
(2:20-4:30) Committee Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving Systems • Communications 	

ICC Meeting Agenda (Day Two)

Zoom Link: [Meeting Registration-Day 2-Zoom](#)

Date: February 07, 2025

Time: 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Location: [Zoom](#)

The order in which agenda items are considered may be subject to change. Public comment will be taken as part of the meeting on both days. Prior to making your comments, please state your name for the record and identify any group or organization you represent. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to speak, the facilitators may establish specific time limits on comments.

Agenda Items	Facilitator/Presenter
(9:00-9:15) Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Housekeeping Items/Zoom Instructions Introductions/Roll Call Review Agenda Review of Previous Day's Agenda Review of ICC Mission, Purpose, and Theme 	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair DJ Tomko, DDS
(9:15-9:45) Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving Systems <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions and Answers (5 minutes) Communications and Outreach <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions and Answers 	Improving Systems Committee Communications and Outreach Committee
(9:45-11:45) Master Plan Roundtable Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Questions and Answers (10 minutes) 	Melissa Drake, DOR Catherine Blakemore, DOR
(11:45-12:00) Public Input	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair DJ Tomko, DDS
(12:00-12:15) Recap and Closing Remarks	Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair

ICC Communications & Outreach Committee Agenda

Date: February 06, 2025

Time: 2:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: [Communications Committee Zoom link](#)

Agenda Items	Facilitator
(2:20 - 2:40) Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome• Introductions/Roll Call• Housekeeping Items• Review of Agenda	Committee Co-Chairs
(2:40 - 3:40) Updates from Committee Co-Chairs	Committee Co-Chairs
(4:00 - 4:30) Next Steps	Committee Co-Chairs

Improving State Systems Committee Agenda

Date: February 06, 2025

Time: 2:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location: [Improving State Systems Committee Zoom link](#)

Agenda Items	Facilitator
(2:20-2:35) Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcome Introductions/Roll Call Housekeeping Items Review of Agenda 	Committee Co-Chairs
(2:35-3:00) Committee Member Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Early Start Concerns in Community 	Committee Co-Chairs
(3:00-3:30) Review of 2024 Recommendations	Committee Co-Chairs
(3:30-4:00) 2025 Recommendations Discussion	Committee Co-Chairs
(4:00-4:15) Public Input	DDS
(4:15-4:30) Next Steps	Committee Co-Chairs

**Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention
Thursday, October 17, 2024
San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center and Zoom Conference Call
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Link to Zoom Recording: [Thursday, October 17 Zoom Recording](#)

Opening

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m. Dr. Poulsen expressed gratitude for all council members, the Department of Developmental Services (DDS), WestEd, and community members for their attendance.

Housekeeping Items

DJ Tomko reviewed housekeeping procedures for Zoom and in-person participants. Zoom instructions, ASL/Spanish interpreter instructions, and meeting etiquette were reviewed.

Roll Call

The roll call of appointed members was conducted by DJ Tomko.

Review Agenda

Dr. Poulsen reviewed the agenda. No changes were made to the agenda.

Approval of the Minutes

Motion to approve by Doug Erber. Seconded by Susan Ducore. Motion passed.

Review of ICC Mission, Purpose, and Theme of Meeting

Dr. Poulsen reviewed the mission and vision of the ICC. The theme of this month's meeting is Child Find.

Announcements and Updates from ICC Chair

Dr. Poulsen invited ICC members to join one of five Master Plan Work Groups that is relevant to them. Dr. Poulsen presented five preliminary issues that have come up from these work groups.

Dr. Poulsen announced Leanne Wheeler's departure from California Department of Education (CDE) to become an associate director of [the National Center for Homeless Education](#). Karen Cheng will be the designee from CDE following Ms. Wheeler's departure.

Finally, Dr. Poulsen observed that the Inclusive Education Expansion Program has grown to include several more school districts throughout the state.

Part C Literacy

[Child Find Self-Assessment: Section II Best Practices](#) by OSEP

OSEP, with the collaboration and support of several national TA centers, developed a voluntary self-assessment tool to assist states in meeting regulations and implementing best practices related to child find. Dr. Poulsen highlighted a few of the best practices that resonated with her.

Family Testimonial – Silvia Torrico, Parent at San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center

Ms. Torrico is the mother of Evelyn, who qualified for early intervention at two years old through an evaluation at the San Gabriel Pomona Regional Center. A teacher encouraged Ms. Torrico to take Evelyn for evaluation, Evelyn was eventually diagnosed with autism and approved for behavioral, occupational, and speech therapy. The regional center referred Ms. Torrico to Parents Place Family Resource Center, which Ms. Torrico credits with her ability to support Evelyn's progress and growth. At age four, Evelyn was able to begin some general education classes with her peers and continued to receive services through the regional center. Though Evelyn continued to struggle with peers, the regional center and FRC services assisted Ms. Torrico and Evelyn's development, resulting in Evelyn's maintaining a 3.8 GPA throughout high school and living an independent and fulfilling adulthood.

- Ardina Bartlett, parent representative, thanked Silvia for her story and echoed the need for a village, of which the RCs and FRCs are a big part .
- Robin Millar, community representative, thanked Silvia and Ardina for sharing their stories.
- Families at ELARC thanked regional centers for all their support and sources of inspiration from these family stories.
- Samantha Hebermehl, parent representative, shared a Māori word, *takiwatanga*, to describe autism as "in his/her own time and space." She acknowledged how much effort it takes for children to become successful and wished for a better way to close the gaps children experience.

****BREAK****

Transition Guide Update – Jennifer Driver, WestEd

Ms. Driver shared key changes and updates and clarified the request for input for *The Guide to Effective Childhood Transition* (the "Transition Guide" or just "The Guide"). The Guide was last published in 2013, and needed revisions to address regulatory and procedural changes, to align visually with other professional development resources, and to include other transition-related resources developed about transition.

The revision process included identifying needed edits, engaging a writing team of content experts, multiple rounds of review from CDE and DDS, and mocking up the content for accessibility. The revision is currently in the stage of getting ICC review and input, and the next step is to finalize and publish the resource as a standalone guide and as a resource to the Service Coordination Handbook Chapter 8 by October 31, 2024.

Ms. Driver provided a summary of changes:

- Content changes were driven by guidance from OSEP around notification and referral, the establishment of provisional eligibility, and recently implemented requirements for assessment for Lanterman services.

Organization and design changes better aligned the Guide with the *Transition from Early Start* online course, separated some sections and combined others, and updated the design to align with the *Service Coordination Handbook*.

Ms. Driver clarified that because the content and design have already been extensively reviewed by DDS and CDE, the only comments about the Transition Guide requested from ICC are “fatal errors” such as incomplete or incorrect summaries of regulations or legal citations or glaring omissions from statewide required policies or procedures. All edits or comments should be sent to Ms. Driver by October 25, 2024 at jdriver@wested.org

- Yvette Baptiste asked if referrals to FRCs are included in the guide?
 - Ms. Driver answered that these referrals are mentioned in the Guide to be conducted at intake but will need to follow-up to verify full alignment to the regulatory requirement.
- Ms. Baptiste asked Dr. Poulsen and Doug Erber to encourage families who are transitioning to Lanterman services to think about their goals as early as possible.
- Lisa Schoyer shared concern about the length of this Guide for service providers and wondered if it is possible to provide an abridged version.
 - Ms. Driver explained this resource is for service coordinators and must contain legal and regulatory information that is difficult to pare down. Only 30 pages are the regulations and guidelines, the rest includes resources like fillable forms and useful tools for service coordinators.
- Ardina Bartlett asked if there’s anywhere in the document that talks about appeals or advocacy processes. Ms. Bartlett also agrees with the need for a “cheat sheet” or summary version.
 - Ms. Driver explained because this resource focuses on transition, there is not information about the appeals process. She also advised that there is a family-friendly resource being developed.
- Michelle Oliver requested clarity in “The Guide” around transition conferences. Ms. Oliver confirmed that the option for families to decline the transition conference still requires the service coordinator to conduct it. Ms. Oliver also asked for clarification on some terminology between required and recommended timelines, which Ms. Driver clarified. Ms. Oliver referenced a one-page resource guide developed by San Andreas Regional Center.
- Angela McGuire assured Ms. Baptiste and FRC colleagues that a package of updates was submitted to DDS about referrals to FRCs in a variety of professional resources WestEd develops. Ms. McGuire also reiterated that “The Guide” will be included as an resource to chapter eight of the *Service Coordination Handbook* related to transition conferences as a service coordinator responsibility. She also advised that there are chapters in the *Service Coordination Handbook* dedicated to procedural safeguards and the appeals process.

ICC Council Reports

Department of Developmental Services – Anne De Medeiros

Ms. De Medeiros shared the following updates:

- DDS administration selected Pete Cervinka as the acting director for DDS following Nancy Bargmann's retirement. Kim Johnson is the new Health and Human Services Agency Secretary following Mark Ghaly's retirement.
- SSIP updates: Advisory groups and constituency groups have been meeting and developing a new SSIP plan.
- Family Outcomes Survey: The annual survey was sent on October 7 and to date has received over 100 responses. Send questions to Hope Beale at Hope.Beale@dds.ca.gov
- ARPA updates: Supplemental Part C funding was granted to increase service access and equity in early start and improving transition services. Some of the projects funded by these ARPA funds included the Transition Guide update and an Interactive Map to find information on early childhood and transition resources.

California Department of Education, Early Childhood Support Unit – Alberto Orellana

Mr. Orellana provided the following updates:

- Parent Transition Workbook: Stakeholder representatives have been convened to provide input on the development of a statewide resource for families with children who are transitioning from Part C to Part B. This workbook is different from the professional guide as it is parent-friendly and informed by parent stakeholders. Next meetings are November 7, 12-1:30; December 5, 12-1:30; , and late January/early February, time TBA. The goal is to have workbook finalized by May 21, 2025.
- Impact Inclusion Workgroup: Stakeholders from different CDE departments, local representatives, regional centers, tribal childcare centers, parents, technical assistance providers, and institutes of higher education share challenges, barriers, and best practices for inclusion of children with exceptional needs in early learning and care settings.
- California Preschool/Transitional Kindergarten Learning Foundations: This resource for early education and childcare providers introduces and describes the knowledge and skills that most children need to have acquired between the ages of three and five, and provides guidance about the development and implementation of high quality programs.

Questions:

- Elena Bramble asked how to participate in the workgroup? Mr. Arellano explained that WestEd sent invitations and the membership was set.
- Erica Whitt also shared interest in participating.
 - Interested parties are encouraged to email Jennifer Driver at jdriver@wested.org

Head Start – Michelle Dove

Head Start is receiving new performance standards that are giving updated guidance on the workforce, mental health, and other areas to support staff workloads.

Department of Social Services – Suada Sergio

Ms. Sergio shared that the Department reviewed a statute that requires licensed childcare centers to test their water for lead contamination every five years. The Department has been awarded over \$8 million to test drinking water in priority childcare centers across the state. Recently received additional \$5.3 million to fund lead testing and remediation, available through March 2027.

California legislature recently passed AB 2317, which requires social services to establish a policy for childcare personnel to develop procedures for during a medical emergency resulting from anaphylaxis.

Questions:

- Yvette Baptiste asked if there is any information available about the funding for lead remediation that can be distributed to community providers?
 - There is not at this time but it would be useful.

Indian Health Care – Susan Ducore

No updates at this time.

Department of Managed Health Care - Suzanne Sherinian

Ms. Sherinian shared two actions DMHC has taken to hold insurance plans accountable.

- Improvement to LA Care operations to ensure timely access to medically necessary health care services.
- Fined Anthem Blue Cross of CA a total \$8.5 million for failing to address claims payment disputes, which has now committed to a corrective action plan.

Ms. Sherinian also announced the DMHC partnership with [Health Consumer Alliance](#), a network of 10 consumer assistance programs. The department provides legal aid organizations with grants to provide free legal assistance to individuals who need help accessing healthcare.

Voices from the Field

- ***Infant Development Association of California (IDA) – Fran Chasen***

Ms. Chasen asked all program providers in attendance if they've submitted their data to the state directory that's being developed and is close to completion. Directory data will be used to inform the 10% change in rate setting. Ms. Chasen encouraged ICC members to participate in Master Plan workgroups.

Ms. Chasen announced that January 21 is the virtual 10th annual IDA policy update. February 24th is Vivian Weinstein Leadership Day at the California Endowment on current research in various disciplines.

- **California Disability Community Action Network – Marty Omoto**

Mr. Omoto announced the full implementation of regional center-funded provider rate reform goes into effect January 1. It is important ICC reviews those directives and the impact on people served and providers. He encouraged ICC to invite those providers and families to speak about how the new rate implementation is working.

- **Family Resource Centers Network of California (FRCNCA) – Ana Seda**

Ms. Seda shared the conclusion of a 2-day virtual training on standards of quality for family strengthening. FRCNCA is looking into implementing this training statewide.

FRCNCA completed the support group facilitator training and will be hosting them again early in 2025 to train Early Start FRC staff on conducting support groups.

FRCNCA is developing a partnership with UC Davis to develop a comprehensive curriculum for a community navigator certification course, to create a pipeline for trained and certified community navigators to enter the workforce.

FRCNCA will be presenting and have a booth at the upcoming CalECSE conference.

Review of Public Input Guidelines, Followed by Public Input

DJ Tomko reviewed public input guidelines.

Laurie Jordan, Rainbow Connection Family Resource Center reminded attendees that October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Encourages caregivers to take care of themselves by getting their necessary screenings. Not only women get breast cancer!

A parent representative at ELAFRC asked if regional centers would consider the difficulty of getting speech therapy through insurance because there were no providers nearby.

Patty Moore, director of Help Me Grow Santa Barbara, observed duplications of efforts and encourages more coordination and collaboration to provide clear messaging to families. There is still stigma and fear around concerns about child development.

Lorena Hernandez, parent at Rainbow Connection Family Resource Center, shared a story of her 26-year-old son with autism. Ms. Hernandez is now staff at the FRC because of the advocacy she had to do with her son. Encourages parents to never stop advocating, speak up, and use FRCs for support.

Yvette Baptiste, Executive Director of ELAFRC, reminded the group to encourage parents to attend ICC meetings. Dr. Baptiste summarized a comment from a parent about difficulty accessing language therapy services and a delayed diagnosis.

Lisa Schoyer, parent representative, echoed support for FRCs in providing necessary emotional support for families.

Ardina Bartlett, parent representative, commended ICC for focusing on NICU families. Ms. Bartlett is aware of difficulties families are having during transition which may decrease if NICU families are more supported while in Early Start, or potentially even before giving birth. Urged a more concerted emphasis on NICU families.

- Dr. Poulsen agrees we do a good job supporting babies, but not as good a job supporting the families. Family support should be a component of an IFSP.

Ana Ragon, family representative and member of California Perinatal Quality Care Collaborative (CPQCC), shared her own transition struggles as her daughter turns three. Shared stories that parents don't know extensions are possible for children who turn three over the summer and can continue to receive services before the school year begins. CPQCC are taking applications to join the California NICU Family Advisory Council.

****LUNCH BREAK****

Announcement of Committee Composition and Goals

DJ Tomko provided a summary of committee composition and goals. He reminded everyone that only ICC members and community representatives are members of committees.

Subcommittee Meetings

Meeting of the whole was adjourned at 1:38 p.m.; committees met separately.

**Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) on Early Intervention
Friday, October 18, 2024
Pomona San Gabriel Resource Center and Zoom
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**

Link to Recording: [Friday, October 18 Zoom Recording](#)

Opening

Dr. Marie Kanne Poulsen, ICC Chair, called the meeting to order at 9:08 a.m. Dr. Poulsen thanked DDS and WestEd for supporting the meeting.

Housekeeping Items

Zoom instructions, ASL/Spanish interpreter instructions, and meeting etiquette were reviewed by DJ Tomko.

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted by DJ Tomko.

Review Agenda

No changes were made to the agenda.

Review of ICC Mission, Purpose, and Theme

This quarter's theme is Child Find.

Review of Previous Day's Agenda

Dr. Poulsen reviewed yesterday's agenda and announced that all presentation materials will be posted on the [DDS ICC website](#).

Approval of ICC Dates for 2025

- January 16 and 17
- April 17 and 18
- July 17 and 18
- October 16 and 17

Motion for approval by Doug Erber. Seconded by Suzanne Sherinian. Motion passed.

Presentation – NICU Engagement: Early Start Intake Standardization

Erin Brady, DDS; Ruth Jenka, North Los Angeles County Regional Center

The goal of the project is to improve the referral process from NICU healthcare providers, and to reduce geographic and ethnic disparities in NICU referrals. Presenters provided an overview of the challenges with Early Start intakes generated from NICU physician referrals, along with specific outcomes to address these challenges.

Ms. Jenka provided an overview of the first phase of this project, which involved the creation of two workgroups of clinicians and regional center Early Start personnel. The physicians group identified the most common medical conditions and well-recognized medical conditions known to result in a high probability of delay. ARCA Physicians Group will continue to maintain the list of established conditions and add when necessary. The regional center staff group developed a standardized referral and intake form which includes a physician's signature and consent from the family.

Presenters asked ICC for feedback and recommendations on project outcomes and deliverables.

- Yvette Baptiste asked if the referral form is available and where it will be found.
 - Once it is finalized with stakeholder feedback, a directive/guidance will be issued to RCs and the form will be made available.
- Robert Araiza asked if the correct terminology is Fetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) or Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)?
 - Terminology in statute is FAS but it's outdated. The current terminology used is FASD.
- Debbie Davis asked, is prenatal drug exposure on the diagnostic list in addition to FASD?
 - Those are high-risk environmental risk factors.
- Mika Harris asked, have service coordinators had the opportunity to provide feedback and receive guidance?
 - Resources and guidance will need to be developed in future phases.
- Patty Salcedo asked, aren't LEAs responsible for children with SLI and not counties? Asked to clarify the language under Sensory Conditions about the LEAs responsibility and not local policy.
 - Yes, children with solely low incidence disabilities are served by the LEAs; children with multiple disabilities, including sensory disabilities, such as those affecting the senses of hearing and vision, are dually-served.
- Lisa Schoyer asked if there is any collaboration with High-Risk Infant Follow-up Programs?
 - Worked on a local level with LA Children's Hospital HRIFP.
 - Ms. Schoyer also asked about including DiGeorge syndrome on the list and wants to bring those rare conditions to light.
- Yvette Baptiste pointed out the need for additional training and support for physicians and regional center staff to be able to do differentials for rare conditions.
- Janice Hinton asked if NICU social workers were included in the workgroups?
 - In this phase, no, but the next phase will include them.
- A parent of a NICU baby asked if NICU referrals are possible through outpatient clinics?
 - Yes, any qualified healthcare professional can make referrals.
- Marty Omoto asked if child- and family-centered outcomes are included in this phase of the project?
 - This will be part of future phases.
- Pablo Velez asked for clarification of established risk for prematurity under 28 weeks?
 - It needs to be combined with another high-risk factor. A licensed healthcare provider's informed clinical opinion can establish eligibility. Presenters reminded everyone that this list is not exhaustive and is being reviewed by ARCA Physician's Group.

- Michelle Oliver asked for clarification of inclusion of respiratory diagnoses that do not require intubation or ventilation in the list of eligible criteria?
 - It is not just limited to intubation.
- Lisa Schoyer said “failure to thrive” was once included in the eligibility criteria and if it was discussed in the workgroups?
 - Presenters believe it’s a high-risk factor but will need to follow up for specifics.

Presenters moved on to next phase of the project and engaged participants in a brainstorming activity about the challenges of Early Start intakes.

Presentation – ARPA Child Find and Outreach Initiatives

Jennifer Sanchez, Noemi Silva, Sonia Griffin, and Bernadette Boren - San Diego Regional Center

SDRC staff presented their Child Find Activities funded by ARPA to target outreach to homeless, undocumented, and tribal families through a network of community partnerships and collaborations. The project team developed a brief and family-friendly screening tool during intake that looks at all areas of development. The screening program utilizes collaborations with many community partners for outreach events. Ms. Boren explained the Tribal Engagement position she holds at SDRC to specifically target outreach and intakes for tribal communities. Ms. Sanchez provided an overview of the role of vendors during outreach events and strategies to overcome barriers such as languages, transportation, and cancellations. Presenters shared a video testimonial.

****BREAK****

Kiara Lopez, South Central Los Angeles Regional Center

Ms. Lopez presented on the SCLARC Connections Program, an ARPA-funded program to provide outreach and perform screenings in the community. Funding allowed for the hiring of seven new staff to support these efforts. The program enlists 10 partner community organizations that have trained staff to administer Ages and Stages Screening Questionnaires. Ms. Lopez presented the numbers of families who have been referred and eventually designated eligible for services.

- Arushie Nugapitiya asked if consent is received before screening?
 - Yes.
- Alia Hochgesang asked for the date range about the numbers and statistics provided about referrals? What is the process for establishing new community partners?
 - Those referrals are for Early Start ages.
 - It isn’t difficult to get community partners on board when just asked/approached. The regional center and potential community partner have an initial meeting with ideas and, so far, everyone has been excited and responsive. Quarterly meetings are conducted with partners to evaluate the partnerships.

Committee Reports and Approval for Projects

Improving State Systems Committee – Fran Chasen

Systems Committee is in process of identifying various priorities and how to resolve them around Child Find and access. Two big areas to focus on are:

- 1) Review and revision of the Early Start Personnel Manual. Committee will work with the paid group of people who will do that.
- 2) Survey to go out to early start families to determine impact of COVID. Content has been approved but a distribution timeline needs to be established. Ms. Chasen asked for assistance from ICC to disseminate the survey.

Committee identified the need to address the lack of services for NICU population and foster care children, and they are in the process of determining how the Committee can contribute to alleviate these barriers.

Communications and Outreach Committee – Doug Erber

Robert Rochin has been appointed as co-chair. The committee reviewed results of the survey to improve representation on the ICC and is in the process of developing action steps.

Public Input

DJ Tomko reviewed public input guidelines.

Doug Erber noted that a question on the ICC representation survey asked if ICC members would be willing to be a mentor to new members. Mr. Erber would like to have a meet-and-greet events at RCs or FRCs outside of ICC meetings to foster relationships.

Fran Chasen expanded on Mr. Erber's suggestion to have mentors to orient and welcome new ICC members.

Michelle Oliver read a statement from a NICU family who received a regional center referral in appreciation of Early Start staff and services.

Recap and Closing Remarks

Meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

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