

# Early Childhood Advisory Council Agenda

## October 24, 2024

### 1:00-4:00 pm

To participate virtually

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/89903376109>

To participate in-person

Anchor Location: Multi Agency State Office Building (MASOB)  
195 North 1950 West, Room 1020C, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Chair and Chair Elect: Jared Lisonbee, Encarni Gallardo

Time*	Topic	Presenter	Notes
1:00	1. Welcome 2. Approve June 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes	Jared Lisonbee	Dakota Matherly motioned to approve minutes. Second Chelsea Oaks. Approved unanimously.

1:10 1:20	3. Open and Public Meetings training	Clover Meaders	Before, during and after meeting. Before: post notice and agenda at least 24 hours before the meeting. New requirements allow electronic meetings, but anchor location required if public requests a location, must be provided. During: only act on items on the agenda. No private messaging during public meeting. Closed meetings must be voted, and allowed by act, but vote must be in public. After: post meeting minutes and materials, make recording available to public within 3 days. Requirement for roll call votes has been removed.
1:40 2:05	4. Office of Early Childhood Updates	Dakota Matherly	Title V Survey is now open, please fill it out according to your role and share it. Closes November 11. 1. <a href="#">For community members</a> 2. <a href="#">For caregivers or parents of children with special health care needs</a> 3. <a href="#">For Professionals</a> Federal audit for Part B and C Early Intervention in November. Contracts for Family Spirit in the state have been signed. Interactive map on OEC page. <a href="https://familyhealth.utah.gov/oec/early-childhood-utah-resources/">https://familyhealth.utah.gov/oec/early-childhood-utah-resources/</a> Emma Green and Nate Call new employees. Additional support for ECIDS users. Utah Data Research Center moving forward with ASQ research beginning in January.
2:30	5. PDG Updates	Mandi Mendenhall	See slides. Activity 1 & 2 needs assessment and strategic plans complete and published. Activity 3 website on track to launch

	6. Office of Child Care Updates	Heather Thomas	<p>next spring. Help Me Grow Utah attending outreach events, screening and supporting families. Sparkler app use is increasing. Activity 4 Pyramid Model USU 42 current sites 8,353 children. Pyramid Model app in use in Duchesne and families are using it. Activity 5 new curriculum for San Juan preschools, beginning assessments for evaluation.</p> <p>New child care subsidy rates and new income limits and co-pays based on new state median income data implemented October 1. Governor's Office of Economic Opportunity and policy group working on report with providers, families, stakeholders to inform work of OCC and partners. Will be published December 1. All pandemic funding ended September 30, 2024. 83% of programs still open and active which had received at least one stabilization grant payment.</p> <p>Revision of Child Care Quality framework scoring. Ready for feedback meetings. Mainly small revisions to add options and make it easier to participate.</p> <p>Child Care and Development Fund new state plan became effective October 1. Waiting for letter with non-compliance, responses and action plan will be in an appendix to the state plan that is due December 1. May need to request waiver to federal rule while they bring into compliance.</p> <p><a href="https://mydoorway.utah.gov/">https://mydoorway.utah.gov/</a> New front page to show all the different services offered by DWS.</p> <p>DWS annual report just published.</p> <p>Question about assistance for women who can't afford maternity leave. Heather will follow up.</p>
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	7. Utah State Board of Education Updates	Jared Lisonbee	<p>Audience for website is families. Heather will also follow up about training for providers.</p> <p>Preschool Conference at state capitol building October 25,26. Still able to register without meals.</p> <p>Part B audit coming up, and working on Pyramid Model work.</p> <p>No updates from Mckinney-Vento.</p> <p>Current year census data for LEA preschool enrollment. Slight decrease over last two years. Schools could serve more students if they had more funding.</p> <p>Training available for programs for CACFP food program.</p> <p>Question about preschool census. \$12 million current budget, would need twice that to cover the need.</p>
	8. Membership Updates	Jennifer Floyd	<p>Dakota Matherly appointed in Steve Matherly's place as ECIDS representative.</p> <p>Heather Thomas will be chair-elect in 2025.</p> <p>Introduce Allyce Jones, new mental health provider member.</p>
	9. Presentation for Utah County Partners for Families and Children coalition	Joyce Hasting	<p>Coalition for Utah Families and Children started in 1997 Parents for Infants and Children, Utah County and other areas, funded through Head Start. When funding went away in 2017-18, expanded and collaborated with entities that served prenatal to 18. Plans and goals for every year. Name changed in 2019. Goal for coalition: 1) Improve access for families and children to quality community resources. 2) Safe place for partners to collaborate and improve the conditions within the community for families. Monthly meetings, quarterly hybrid. Connect resources so they</p>

	10. Presentation on PDG funded care coordination	Carrie Martinez-Wolf and Sabrina Harmon	<p>can mutually promote. Wide variety of people attend. Discuss needs of each program. Case studies.</p> <p>Collaboration on social media and marketing. Subcommittee focused on preschool, infant and toddlers, specifically mental health.</p> <p>Reason for this presentation: Strategic plan goal on connecting with regional childhood coalitions. This is the first step to start sharing information.</p> <p>Relationships between providers make referral easy, share strengths and find ways to fill gaps.</p> <p>Additional information: 2 referral systems that are in use IRIS and Connect Us. More information contact <a href="mailto:jhasting@uvu.edu">jhasting@uvu.edu</a></p> <p>Carrie is state's PDG 0-8 Care Coordinator supervisor, and Sabrina is Davis County nursing director.</p> <p>Davis county outreach works from Medicaid eligibility report and high risk birth lists to contact families in need of help. Community Health Worker team, WIC, immunization departments all make referrals to the team. QR code allows public to request a visit.</p> <p>State outreach includes collaborating with WIC offices, fairs, and statewide presentations. Referrals from many community partners, if referral comes to state, may be referred to local health department for service if the program exists in their area.</p> <p><a href="mailto:care.coordination@utah.gov">care.coordination@utah.gov</a></p> <p>Davis: families need many more than just one service. Help enrolling in medical insurance, developmental screenings, WIC, school enrollment, immunizations.</p> <p>Differences in needs: local, statewide, community. Coordinators</p>
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	11. Subcommittee updates		<p>have lived experiences that help them connect with families. Davis: 205 families that would not have been served without PDG funds. Families that don't qualify for services because they are just over income limits. There are many more and they would like to find and serve them. Word-of-mouth and friend referrals. Developmental screenings: fewer referrals from ASQ:SE than expected. State team does fewer screenings because they often receive referrals of children who already have a diagnosis. Grant has improved collaboration and coordination of services. 7 local health departments participating, 9-10 full time care coordinators. Best contact at main email and it will be triaged to correct care coordinators. If there isn't local service, care will come from state team.</p>
	a. Early Care and Education	Andrea Bullock	<p>Work started on kindergarten readiness framework. Similar idea used in other states, particularly using Minnesota's materials. Each piece of framework will need fleshed out, get feedback from families. Early in process, working on support families need to be ready. Coaching competencies document will be coming to the subcommittee for approval in the next month or so.</p>
	b. Data and Research	Sheila Anderson	<p>Goal is to develop and begin to implement a strategic plan. Fleshing out steps, working on how to go about developing a shared understanding of the purpose and uses of this database. Next step working on what it will entail, research questions, data elements. Suggestions about data needs and barriers welcome.</p>

	c. Parent Engagement	Chelsea Oaks	Current goal to increase parent involvement and decision making. Working toward this goal by having other subcommittees present to the parents. Outside agencies have been requesting to visit subcommittee including OCC to get feedback about their new website. Putting new processes in place for accepting presentation requests. Madeline Giles, parent member, will be chair-elect.
	d. Social-Emotional and Mental Health	Wendy Byron	Working on collecting data from parents and providers about their experiences with suspension and expulsion in early childhood. Data will be used to recommend a policy regarding suspension and expulsion. Brief created from initial survey. <a href="#">Early Childhood Utah (ECU) Social Emotional Committee-2.pdf</a> Question about adding question to the survey about behavior that occurred and provider response. They would like to make this an annual survey. Working on revising questions for provider survey. Perhaps different surveys for different types of providers. Possible next steps is to find a statewide data source for information around behavior and expulsion. Thoughts on making this an annual survey?
	e. Ad Hoc	Chelsea Oaks	Explore options for child care for children with special health care needs and disabilities. Had been waiting for Zero to Three TA opportunity, but that is no longer available. Without funding and staff time, there may not be a way to move forward. Question about what next steps should be. May still be a possibility with Part C and child care TA opportunity. Is this still a subcommittee for this council, or has it spun off to the agencies? Original

	f. Health and Access to Medical Homes	Eric Christensen	<p>purpose of subcommittee was SWOT analysis of child care for children with special needs. Hold for now until we know if TA opportunity comes forth, if not, go back to subcommittee to do analysis if members are interested in the time investment. Sixth subcommittee might be too much of a stretch, better to acknowledge that then continue without making progress.</p> <p>Working on Medicaid and CHIP enrollment and reasons why families become disenrolled, specifically procedural disenrollment. Help families have a positive experience when enrolling and renewing application.</p> <p>Presentations from Take Care Utah and Children's Service Society Grandfamilies program.</p> <p>Investigating line by line explanation imbedded in application, companion guides, and other ways to assist. DHHS has already begun a companion guide, and are willing to follow up with that. Also looked at member orientation for explanations on how to use benefits.</p>
3:45	12. Public Comments & Information	Open	<p>Sheila Anderson asked for feedback about possibility of higher education institutions offering BAS: Bachelors of Applied Science, for 90 credits. Question on community support for this type of curriculum. Potential second option is MAT: Master of Arts in Teaching in 3 semesters. Reach out to Andrea and Kelley to schedule discussion in Early Care and Education subcommittee.</p>



4:00	13. Adjourn  Next ECU Advisory Council Meeting: January 23, 2025 1-4 p.m. Request in-person attendance if possible.		Eric Christensen motioned to adjourn the meeting. Stacey Swilling seconded the motion. No opposers.
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*\*Times are approximate; meeting could conclude prior to 4:00 pm.*