

Early Childhood Advisory Council Agenda

June 26, 2025

1:00-4:00 pm

To participate virtually

Virtual Meeting Link:

<https://utah-gov.zoom.us/j/86417603817>

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: Encarni Gallardo, Heather Thomas

Time*	Topic	Presenter	Notes
1:00	1. Welcome 2. April 24, 2025 Meeting Minutes	Heather Thomas	Kelly Noorda motioned to approve April 24, 2025 meeting minutes. Dakota seconded the motion. Approved unanimously, no abstentions.

1:10	3. Office of Early Childhood Updates	Dakota Matherly	See slides for updates and links. Significant increase in number of concerns reported on ASQ-3 and ASQ:SE-2 in 2023. New requests for user access to ECIDS due by July 10. Partnership with Take Care Utah to train early childhood professionals to help families apply for Medicaid, dedicated staff member to answer questions for those professionals. All home visitors using evidenced-based models can be included in home visiting summit, reach out to Elizabeth Van Sant Webb or Dakota if you'd like to join or give a presentation proposal.
	4. PDG Updates	Jennifer Floyd	See slides for updates. OEC is planning to apply for one-year PDG funding when Notice of Funding Opportunity opens, hopefully in August. Although application will be changing, hope to be able to support most of the activities we are doing now through PDG.
	5. Office of Child Care Updates	Heather Thomas	See slides for updates and links.
	6. Utah State Board of Education Updates	Jared Lisonbee	See slides for updates and links. Math standards are open for public comment right now. Please feel free to contribute.
	7. Membership update	Jennifer Floyd	3 current vacancies. Jennifer Mitchell has resigned from the council. We do have applications for

			<p>representative of higher education and mental health provider. Continue accepting applications for review by executive committee for recommendation to the Advisory Council in October.</p>
	<p>8. Annual report for approval 2025 Early Childhood Advisory Council Annual Report v6 Final.pdf</p>	Jennifer Floyd	<p>Motion to approve by Dr. Stacey Swilling. Second by Jared Lisonbee. Approved unanimously. No abstentions.</p>
	<p>9. Subcommittee updates</p> <p>a. Early Care and Education Vote to approve returning the word “safe” to the first paragraph of the Kindergarten Readiness Definitions.</p>	Kelly Noorda	<p>See slides for updates and links. Motion to approve returning the word safe as shown in the document by Dakota Matherly. Second by Elizabeth Van Sant-Webb. Approved unanimously. No abstentions.</p>
	<p>b. Data and Research</p>	Jared Lisonbee	<p>See slides for updates.</p>
	<p>c. Health and Access to Medical Homes</p>	Janel Preston	<p>See slides for updates and links. Topic of video chosen based on what is currently available on DWS website and perceived family needs.</p>

	<p>d. Parent Engagement</p> <p>e. Social-Emotional and Mental Health</p> <p>i. Provider Survey Letter with Link.docx</p> <p>ii. Advisory Council feedback survey</p>	<p>Madeline Giles</p> <p>Wendy Byron</p>	<p>See slides for updates. PESE committee also had a presentation for the Utah Parent's Center in June. Discussion of using 988 in crisis and non-crisis situations. Availability of Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams in most of Utah for people in mental health crisis. Request for any other ideas council might have.</p> <p>Hailee Hernandez hhernandez.utah.gov offered to help direct people to more relevant information on crisis support.</p> <p>See slides for updates and links. Request to distribute provider survey. Request that Advisory Council answer feedback survey to inform work on parent focus groups.</p>
2:05	10. Public Comments & Information	Open	
2:10	11. Adjourn Next ECU Advisory Council Meeting: October 23, 2025 1-4 p.m.		Dr. Stacey Swilling motioned to adjourn. No opposers.

**Times are approximate; meeting could conclude prior to 4:00 pm.*