

# Agenda

## *Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council Quarterly Meeting*

Date: July 25, 2018  
Time: 8:30 am – 12:00 pm  
Location: WebEx  
Join by phone: (800) 315-6338, passcode 78001#

| <i>Time</i>   | <i>Agenda Item</i>  |
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| 8:30 – 8:45   | Welcome and Introduction  |
| 8:45 – 9:15   | Update from Governor/Lt. Governor's Office<br>Update from DEED<br>Update from DHSS<br>Update from DOLWD<br>Update from DPS  |
| 9:15 – 9:30   | ECCS Grant Update, <i>Ashely Christopherson</i>   |
| 9:30 – 9:45   | Early Head Start Services 0 – 3, <i>Debi Baldwin</i>  |
| 9:45 – 10:00  | Early Childhood Vision Statement, <i>Stephanie Berglund</i>   |
| 10:00 – 10:45 | Proposed Bylaw Changes  |
| 10:45 – 11:30 | Committee Updates <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Healthy Start and Strong Families</li><li>2. High Quality Early Care &amp; Learning</li><li>3. Data and Systems Alignment</li><li>4. Innovation and Long Term Investment</li><li>5. Public Engagement &amp; Community Partnerships</li></ol> |
| 11:30 – 11:45 | Grant Matrix Overview   |
| 11:45 – 12:00 | Updates: Staffing, Website, Meeting Minutes   |
| 12:00         | Adjourn   |

***Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council  
2017 Priorities + Near-term Actions***

The following prioritized list and set of committee assignments was agreed to at the January meeting of the AECCC. Below is the list of Priorities, carried over from the 2012 strategic plan, with the most important actions for the coming year listed below. The table at the end of this document identifies committee assignments to carry these actions forward during 2017-2018.

***Priorities + Most Important Actions for 2017-2018:***

*Priority 1: Expand early childhood services to 5,000 new children and families through in home and out of home services. (Early Care and Learning)*

- Protect funding from prenatal through Medicaid reform and behavioral health for early childhood; oppose MCD block grants
- Identify which services have the most impact, the biggest return on investment, and which services do we need to focus funding on during this year; identify and establish data sets to track

*Priority 2: Identify methods to increase the pay in early childhood settings, particularly for those with higher degrees. (Workforce Development)*

- Research early childhood settings, rates of pay within those settings, and use that information to identify priorities for pay increase
- Compile information on funding sources for early childhood services

*Priority 3: Implement the QRIS (Quality Rating and Improvement System) plan including an implementation time-line of activities and funding. (Early Care and Learning)*

- Continue to align QRIS across systems for Head Start and preschool programs and create crosswalk between systems
- Track data for enrollment

*Priority 4: Increase awareness of the Alaska Early Learning Guidelines (ELGs) by coordinating efforts (public and private) to include the “universal” early care and learning workforce (parents; extended family, community). (Early Care and Learning)*

- Begin process to update and revise early learning guidelines to align with kindergarten standards for literacy and math

*Priority 5: Embed “Strengthening Families” protective factors through systems across the board to include grant proposals, policies, materials development, and sustainability of long-term funding efforts. (Family Support)*

- Map and inventory who is using Strengthening Families and how
- Advocate to embed Strengthening Families in all DEED and DHSS programs and work of the departments

*Priority 6: Support and promote a local partnerships grant process to invest in early childhood and family support. (Early Care and Learning)*

- Increase braided funding opportunities such as the Casey Family Foundation project in northwest Alaska
- Identify and use community-based solutions such as social impact bonds, Imagination Library, payments to families who accept emergency foster care placement

*Priority 7: Seek to ensure every child will have full access to well-child exams that follow the Alaska Periodicity Schedule which is based on the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics. (Health and Mental Health)*

*Priority 8: Seek to ensure every child and their family has full access to age appropriate services that promote physical, emotional, and behavioral health and safety. (Health and Mental Health)*

- Seek public and private funding to sustain public education for parents about developmental milestones and screenings: **normalize well child checks**
- Increase adherence to the well child exam schedule among MCD families between age 1 and age 2 through targeted messaging to MCD families and providers who see MCD families

*Priority 9: Align and coordinate data related to early childhood amongst systems.*

- Baseline data on rate of developmental screening (Ages + Stages) among children
- Review data from PRAMS and CUBS on well child exams