

A stylized, colorful illustration of a landscape. The foreground features rolling green hills in various shades of green, with a brown path winding through them. On the left, there are several stylized trees and flowers: a large green tree, a purple flower, and an orange flower. A small red bird is flying in the sky above the trees. The background consists of layered, wavy bands of light blue and white, suggesting a sky or water. The overall style is clean and modern.

Early Intervention Committee (EIC)

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EIC Members

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Carmen Wenger (Help Me Grow)
Christina Hulquist/ Marcey Bish (CCPO-
Childcare)
Christy Knight (EI/ILP)
Elizabeth Siddon (Parent)
Heidi Haas (ACRF-Private Provider/Parent)
Jennifer Hayes (DEED/SE)
Jennifer Zucati (LINKS)
Jimael Johnson (MHT)
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Mackenzie Harvey (Parent)
Mandy Cleveland (SSG/Parent)
Matt Hirschfeld (ANTH/Tribal Health)
Maureen Harwood/Deb Etheridge (EI/ILP-
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Natalie Norberg/ Sarah Abramczyk (OCS/SA
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Hattie Harvey (Personnel Preparation)
Meghan Johnson (Thread-Childcare/Mental
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Rebekah Morisse (WCFH/HSS)
Sandra DeHart-Mayor (Parent)
Shauna Nickel (DCCED/ State regulation of
private health insurance)
Sheila Box (EED-Homeless Education under
ESEA)
Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich, (SSG/Parent)
Shilan Wooten (EI/ILP)



Activities Since October

- **Development of infographics**
 - Services for young children with disabilities (0-4 years old) – final draft under review
- **Work plan review**
 - Revisited statewide collaborative initiatives to strengthen statewide Tele-practice use
- **Orientation of new EIC members** (by OSEP representative)
- Staff member participated in the official **opening of the Southcentral Neurodevelopmental Clinic** (October 1)

Activities Since October (2)

- **The Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers with Disabilities:**
 - **Reviewed the Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program's annual federal performance report and parent satisfaction survey**
 - **Wrote a letter with comments and recommendations** to be included with the report to the federal Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) and the Governor.

Upcoming Activities

- **State has received the OSEP summary letter for EI/ILP** fiscal monitoring:
 - ICC looks forward to advise and assist State Agency in moving forward.
- Keep on **reviewing the work plan** and **establishing priorities** for this year



Funding Opportunities

- Department of Education and Early Development (DEED) received the federal **Preschool Development Grant (PDG)** to coordinate statewide services birth through 5.
- The Council will receive a **five-year grant from the Federal Administration on Community Living** of approximately \$2 million to move forward on the DD Vision.
- Child Care Program Office received a **grant for an Impact project**.



Recent Trainings & Presentations

- **All Alaska Pediatric Symposium** (November, 2018)
 - Dr. David Willis (Perigee Fund) and Dr. Jeffery Schunk (Utah)
 - Staff and committee members participated in **Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council (AECCC)** meetings.
 - **ILP Coordinators' meeting** (October, 2018)
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Developmental Screening Task Force

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Task Force Focus Areas

- **Universal Developmental Screening Task Force Work Groups Met:**
 - ✓ Branding campaign for rural areas
 - ✓ "Look at me and where I'll be!"
 - ✓ Ages and Stages (ASQ)
 - ✓ Addendum to Alaska Community Health Aide/Practitioner Manual (CHAM)
 - ✓ ASQ conversation or data & establishing centralized tool
 - ✓ Core team discussions



Questions?

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