Early Intervention Committee (EIC)

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    Cecilia Miller (EED-Homeless Education under ESEA)

* = Council member
Activities Since May

• **EIC met 4 times** (1 regular meeting and 3 work plan meetings)

• **Work plan review.** Continued to revisit statewide collaborative initiatives on all objectives

• **Help Me Grow** working on *alaskanizing* the “Educating Practices” modules developed by the Connecticut Children’s Hospital

• An **Infant Learning programs Salary and Benefits Study WG**
Upcoming activities

✓ Advise and assist State Agency in moving forward on the OSEP Summary letter for Early Intervention/Infant Learning program fiscal monitoring

✓ Finish reviewing of the work plan and establishing priorities.

✓ Developmental Screening Task Force meeting (Fall, TBA)

✓ Statewide needs assessment and unified strategic plan (Preschool Development Grant (PDG))
Recent Trainings & Presentations

- **Autism ad hoc** (September 10)

- **ECHO (CHD):**
  - Neurodevelopmental Disabilities (3)
  - Family (2)
  - Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities (2)

- Staff and committee members participated in the Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council (AECCC) quarterly meeting (August)

- Infant Learning Program Coordinators’ meeting (October 15-16)
Future Trainings and Events

• EIC meets **October 16**

• Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Early Childhood Conference (**February 6-8**) 

• Opening Minds 2019 Early Childhood Education Conference (**February 6-9, Chicago, IL**) 

• Universal Developmental Screening Task Force will take place **November (TBD)**
Developmental Screening Task Force
Elena Markova & Kristin Vandagriff: Staff
Task Force Members

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Carol Prentice
Carmen Wenger
Christina Hulquist
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Sarah Wright
Shelly Foint-Anderson
Stephanie Holmquist
Shirley Pittz
Siv Fasci, Dr.
Tamar Ben-Yosef
Tara Hagge
Jami Rayes
Rebecah Morisse
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Task Force Focus Areas

1. Branding campaign for rural areas
2. Ages and Stages (ASQ) addendum to Alaska Community Health Aide/Practitioner Manual (CHAM)
3. Core team discussion (referral system for the screening)
4. Exploring ways to align the efforts with Behavioral Health for the sake of providers, funding, consistency, and future cost containment in view of 1115 Waiver implementation October 1
5. Learn & Grow works on Level 3 training on how to talk about screening results with families
Accomplishments

- Screening in Early Childhood Comprehensive System (ECCS) communities has increased by **463%**!

- Developmental skills have improved by **8%**! (biggest gaps in problem-solving and fine motor skills)
Questions?

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