



Early Intervention Committee (EIC)

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private health insurance)

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

Amy Simpson
Annette Blanas
Betsy Smith
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Carmen Wenger
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Tamar Ben-Yosef
Tara Hagge
Jami Rayes
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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)



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Questions?