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# Early Intervention Committee (EIC)

Christian Muntean – Chair  
Elena Markova – Staff

# EIC Members

**Shelly Vendetti-Vuckovich\***, (SSG/Parent)

**Christian Muntean\***, (Chair/Parent)

**Maureen Harwood/Christy Knight** (EI/ILP-  
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**Meghan Clark\*** (Parent, CHD)

**Don Enoch\*** (DEED-SEA/Head Start)

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Amy Simpson (PIC-Private Provider)

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Carmen Wenger (Help Me Grow)

Christina Hulquist/ (CCPO- Childcare)

Elizabeth Siddon (Parent)

Susan Kessler (ACRF-Private  
Provider/Parent)

Jimael Johnson (MHT)

Kathy Berry (HCS-State Medicaid and  
CHIP)

Kristen Spencer/ (DEED-SEA/Head Start)

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Hattie Harvey (Personnel Preparation)

Meghan Johnson (Thread-Childcare/MH)

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Shauna Nickel (DCCED/ State regulation of  
private health insurance)

Cecilia Miller(EED-Homeless Education  
under ESEA)

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# SICC Roles and Key Functions

## **Roles:**

- ✓ Policy Development
- ✓ Policy Approval
- ✓ Policy Implementation

## **Functions:**

- ✓ **Advise and Assist** the Early Intervention/Infant Learning Program – Lead Agency
  - Identifies Fiscal and other supports*
  - Assigns financial responsibility*
  - Promotes interagency collaboration (child find, monitoring, financial responsibility and transition)*
  - Prepares applications*
- ✓ **Submit annual report** to the Governor and to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)

# *Activities Since October*

- **EIC met 4 times** (2 regular meetings and 2 work plan meetings)
- **Work plan review WG** provided recommendations on all objectives to the committee
- **Infant Learning programs Salary and Benefits Questionnaire** outcomes conducted by AILPA (Alaska Infant Learning Program Association) are available to EIC
- **EIC Reviewed ILP performance indicators for FFY18 and ICC** provided advice and comments to ILP and Governor Dunleavy

# Upcoming activities

- ✓ Adopt the **work plan recommendations**
- ✓ EIC will meet **March 18.**



# Recent Trainings & Presentations

- ✓ ECHO (CHD):  
**(NEW!)** Behavioral Interventions for Early Childhood (BIEC) -- (2)
- ✓ Neurodevelopmental Disabilities -- (coming soon)  
Family -- (coming soon)  
Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities -- (1)
- ✓ Staff and committee members participated in the **Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council (AECCC)** early childhood system strategic plan meeting (December)

# Future Trainings and Events

- Anchorage Association for the Education of Young Children Early Childhood Conference **(February 6-8, Hilton Hotel, Anchorage)**
- Opening Minds 2019 Early Childhood Education Conference **(February 6-9, Chicago, IL)**
- Spring Autism meeting **(April 14)**

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# *Developmental Screening Task Force*

*Elena Markova & Kristin Vandagriff: Staff*

# Task Force Members

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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. Referral system for the screening discussion
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 completed Level 3 training on how to talk about screening results with families

## *Recent activities*

- ✓ Survey conducted on TF effectiveness. (January)
- ✓ Survey results analyzed and the staff works on the recommendations for TF.



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*Questions?*