

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Working Group



July 22nd, 2023 | 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM MDT | Via Zoom | [Agenda](#)

Minutes

Meeting Objectives

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- Provide time for implementation teams to continue work and incorporate learning from the family engagement framework presentation.
- Gather public comment on the CO-ECCS Project, including feedback and ideas for the project and relevant resources related to the project.

Attendees

Christina Walker, Tanya Weinberg, Eileen Auer Bennett,

Alison Mathis, Ayelet Talmi, Brace Gibson, Cassi Niedziela, Chris Meyer, Ebony White, Erin Schneider, Gina Robinson, Heather Craiglow, Ilesha Mitchell, Jennie Munthali, Katie Fisher, Kaylie Weese, Kim McDevitt, Lenita Hartman, Lisa Blake, Lynne Fabian, Marisa Gullicksrud, Meghan Leclerc, Michele Coates, Nami Bhasin, Rebecca Klein, Sarahy Plazola, Sena Harjo, Sarabeth Upson, Shannon Wilson, Tamliah Richardson, Theresa Rapstine, Theresa Kledzik,


Carsten Baumann, Cristina Bejarano, Dawn Newby, Kim Denning, Kristen Lang, Marian Bussey, Paul Presken, Rachael Reichenbach, Yinka Ajitrotutu

Welcome & Review Meeting Objectives

Led by Dawn Newby

Approve Last Meeting's Minutes

Led by Dawn Newby

 DRAFT 2023.06.27 ECCS Working Group Minutes

Participants were asked if there are any objections or edits that need to be made to the notes. No objections were made. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Updates on the *Early Childhood Colorado Framework Refresh*

Presentation by Marian Bussey

Recording: [06.27.23 - ECCS Working Group Meeting Recording.mp4](#)

- [Drafted Framework Revision](#)
- [Framework Refresh Update - June ECLC Presentation](#)
- [The Early Childhood Colorado Framework 2023 Refresh Considerations](#)

Public Comment

Led by Dawn Newby

CDEC - Kristen Lang: Shared opportunities to participate Preschool Development Grant (PDG) Needs Assessment via Local Organizational Capacity Regional Convenings.

Upcoming convenings information:

Events are accepting applications -

- [Pueblo - August 9th - 10th, 2023](#) - Applications due 7/14
- [Greeley - September 12th-13th, 2023](#) - Applications due 8/4

Application process office hours:

- Pueblo - (8/9-8/10) - Thursday, July 6th, 1:00pm - 3:00pm.
- Greeley - (9/12-9/13) - Thursday, July 27th, 10:00am - 11:30am. [Click here](#) to select a 15-minute time slot on July 27th.

Any additional public comment to be recorded in the notes can be emailed to Dawn Newby: dnewby@illuminatecolorado.org

Implementation Team Breakouts

Participants selected their implementation breakout:

1. [Coordinated Intake and Referral Systems](#)
2. [Early Childcare and Health Care Partnerships](#)
3. [Equity Planning](#)

Coordinated Intake and Referral Systems Implementation Team

Shared an updated version of the DSR e-Referral doc -

■ DSR e-Referral pilot project_Phase I Summary_5.24.23pptx.pdf

- Will ask Michele Coates to give a quick update on Phase 2 pilot and key findings from Pre-Pilot Interviews

[Family Engagement Checklist](#) -

- Reminder - the audience is people working with families
- Utilize Guidelines from: [Communications Guidelines for Engaging Parents & Caregivers - Early Childhood Colorado Framework](#) for editing language.
- Two breakouts to finalize language & get consensus around checklist items
 - Breakout 1: Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness [Dawn
 - Breakout 2: Equity [Eileen led]

Action items:

- Continue to add comments/edits to the Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness and Equity sections in Family Engagement Checklist**
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Early Childhood and Health Care Partnerships Implementation Team

Reviewed Background on ECCS Strategies in CSB B-5 Strategic Plan -

■ ECCS Strategies Overview - 2023

Reviewed process for updating ECCS strategies

- CSB 2023 At-A-Glance: ■ English (US)_QA004Y Strategic Plan At a Glance.pdf
- CO EC Strategic Plan Update Slides:
 - CO's Early Childhood Strategic Plan Update for ECCS.pdf
 - This team will update ECCS Strategies in the state's comprehensive early childhood strategic plan annually
 - Kristen, Shannon, and Nami are CDEC points of contacts for the update of the strategic plan.
 - Need to make sure goals are clear to external folks, especially those that are not as engaged in all of these working groups and policy discussions.
 - Parents do not know about vital supports for their child and they feel like they missed out. How can we ensure that families know about services that are available and make it easier for parents to navigate the system?

Determined Start Early will do a focus group with this team at July ECCS Working Group Meeting and ECCS Project Team and Co-Chairs will determine how to get feedback from the broader working group.

Action items:

- Continue to add to** ■ List of Policy Agendas/Ideas
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Equity Planning Implementation Team

- Deepen awareness of the multiple identities that we each embody through the [Wheel of Power & Privilege](#)
 - Consider how we can leverage the privileges associated with our various identities
- Project Overview
 - May-July: Conduct Focus Groups/Interviews
 - August-September: Finalize SWOT
 - September-November: Action Plan Training
- [Running List of Scheduled Focus Groups](#)
- Focus Groups Check-in
- [SWOT Review](#)
 - Review and reflections, answered question of how to fill out

Action items:

- Reaching out to the assigned organization and/or community members
- Scheduling your focus group
- Meeting with your co-facilitator to determine the focus group plan
- Completing focus group
- Completing SWOT with findings and questions

Next Steps & Adjourn

Closed by co-chairs in implementation team breakouts

Actions for participants to do following the meeting:

1. Provide Immediate Feedback to June's Meeting
2. Any tasks set in implementation teams

Resources

[ECCS Working Group Charter \(21-22\)](#)
[Logic Model](#)
[Final ECCS-CO Grant](#)
[System Asset and Gaps Analysis](#)
[Strategic Plan - Jan 2023](#)

[ECCS Working Group Website](#)
[ECCS Working Group Shared Folder](#) - (Agendas, Notes & Meeting Materials)
[ECCS Working Group Member List](#)
[CO-ECCS Webpage](#)
[Enrollment Form](#)

There are 20 grantees.