

Rhode Island Early Learning Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 27, 2023

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island

188 Valley Street, Suite 125

Providence, RI

PUBLIC ZOOM LINK: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aJ_7wbwjS4CckN5Gs5mN-Q

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item:	
9:00-9:15	Welcome, Opening Remarks, & Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Context• Role of Early Learning Council	Angélica Infante-Green , RIDE Kimberly Merolla-Brito , DHS Paige Clausius-Parks , Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
9:15 – 10:15	Update/Discussion: Early Childhood Governance Group <i>Early Childhood Governance: “a state's organizational structures and its placement of authority and accountability for making program policy, financing, and implementation decisions for publicly funded early care and education for children birth to age 5.”</i>	Kayla Rosen , Governor’s Office/Children’s Cabinet Elliot Regenstein , Foresight Law + Policy Nasha Patel , Watershed Advisors
10:15 –10:45	Updates & Discussion: Birth through Grade 3 Staffing Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Care/Head Start/Preschool/Pre-K• Early Intervention (IDEA Part C) & Family Home Visiting• PK-3 Public School/Special Education Brief Updates: Strategies to Address Staffing Challenges <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Care WAGES Pilot• CCAP for Child Care Educators/Staff Pilot• Child Care Pandemic Retention Bonuses• Supplemental Early Head Start/Head Start funding• Early Intervention Strategies	Conversation Starters: Khadija Lewis Khan , Beautiful Beginnings Emma Villa , SEIU Family Child Care Union Casey Ferrara , Meeting Street Lori Wagner , RI Child Care Directors Association Mary Varr , RI Head Start Association Lisa Hildebrand , RI Association for the Education of Young Children Nicole Chiello , RI Department of Human Services Catherine Green , RI Head Start Collaboration Office/DHS Jennifer Kaufman , RI Early Intervention Program, EOHHS
10:45 – 11:00	Announcements, Public Comment & Next Steps	

Future Early Learning Council Meetings (Big Brothers Big Sisters of RI):

- Wednesday, December 6th, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

See www.earlylearningri.org for meeting schedules, handouts, notes, and state reports.