

# ***Rhode Island Early Learning Council Meeting***

Wednesday, December 13, 2023

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island

188 Valley Street, Suite 125

Providence, RI

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## **Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	
9:00-9:15	<b>Welcome, Opening Remarks, &amp; Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current Context</li><li>• Role of Early Learning Council</li></ul>	<b>Lisa Odom-Villella, RIDE</b> <b>Kimberly Merolla-Brito, DHS</b> <b>Paige Clausius-Parks,</b> Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
9:15 – 9:45	<b>Update/Discussion: Early Childhood System Analysis and Governance Working Group Recommendation Report</b>	<b>Kayla Rosen, Governor’s</b> Office/Children’s Cabinet <b>Elliot Regenstein, Foresight Law +</b> Policy <b>Nasha Patel, Watershed Advisors</b>
9:45 –10:15	<b>Rhode Island Early Learning Council Review and Vote</b> Official Recommendation to Early Childhood Governance Working Group	<b>Leanne Barrett, Coordinator of Rhode</b> Island Early Learning Council
10:15 – 10:45	<b>New program at Rhode Island College</b> for dual early childhood/special education teacher certification  <b>Open Call for 2024 Early Learning Council agenda ideas</b>	<b>Casey Ferrara, Meeting Street</b>  <b>Leanne Barrett, Coordinator of Rhode</b> Island Early Learning Council
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Announcements, Public Comment &amp; Next Steps</b>	<b>Lisa Odom-Villella, RIDE</b> <b>Kimberly Merolla-Brito, DHS</b> <b>Paige Clausius-Parks,</b> Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

### **2024 Early Learning Council Meetings (Big Brothers Big Sisters of RI):**

- Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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