

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

Wednesday, March 30, 2022

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Virtual Meeting

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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>Yvette Mendez, DHS</b> <b>Angélica Infante-Green, RIDE</b> <b>Elizabeth Burke Bryant,</b> Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
9:15 – 9:45	<b>Birth to 8 State Policy Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• B-8 Highlights from Gov. McKee’s FY23 Budget</li><li>• B-8 key proposed legislation</li></ul>	<b>Kayla Rosen, Governor’s Office</b> <b>Leanne Barrett, Rhode Island KIDS</b> COUNT
9:45 – 10:15	<b>Prioritize Strategies and Provide Feedback on State's Early Childhood Care &amp; Education Strategic Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Overview of plan and proposed updates</li><li>• Small groups to identify priority actions by objective</li><li>• Next Steps</li></ul>	<b>Kayla Rosen, Governor’s Office</b>
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Discussion: Establishing a Cabinet Level Office for Early Childhood Development &amp; Learning</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning from Other States</li><li>• Hopes/Concerns/Ideas</li><li>• Initial Recommendations</li></ul>	<b>Nora Crowley, RI Senate Policy</b> Office <b>Blythe Keeler Robinson, Sheltering</b> Arms (Georgia) <b>Amy O’Leary, Strategies for</b> Children (Massachusetts)
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Announcements, Public Comment &amp; Next Steps</b>	<b>Elizabeth Burke Bryant</b> <b>Angélica Infante-Green, RIDE</b> <b>Yvette Mendez, DHS</b>

### **Future Early Learning Council Meetings:**

- Wednesday, June 29, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 28, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

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