



State Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting

Georgia's Part C Program | Babies Can't Wait (BCW)

Thursday, April 20, 2023
Public Session 9:00am-11:30am
Executive Session 1:00-4:00pm

McIntosh Trail Early Childhood Development Council
565 Recreation Drive
Jackson, GA 30233

Meeting Minutes

Attendees:

Elaine Brown, Stephanie Hollingsworth, Don Cheney, Milagros Cordero, Karen Lewis, Jan Stevenson, Cynthia Vail, Carol Darrah, Tamara Wilson, Allison Setterlind, Grechelle Blocker, Carmen Callaway, Heidi Evans, Lori Jackson, Fozia Eskew, Demetres Thomas, Aime Locicero, Kelly Ball, Julie Burns, Kiara Loud, Kristen Craig, Kevin Byrd, Elizabeth Snarey, Kathleen Trella-Newland, Alondra Mustafa, Halima Mendoza, Tamela Baker, Lois Blockley, Norma Browder, Donjai Calhoun, Stefanie Clardy, Sharonda Davis, Fanthnecia Dunbar, Melinda Ford-Williams, Andrew Gaines, Yvette Garrett, Ellie Gonsalves, Synita Griswell, Rebecca Henson, Bonnie Hernandez, Victrecia Hines, Jessie Judkins, Jenni Nowicki, Sharifa Peart, Debra Pileggi, Dian Roberts, Mesha Robinson, Kimberly Ross, Robin Schafer, Jenice Terrell, Judy Threlkeld, Kelly Weaver, Kelly Weber-Brand, Tracy Weeden, Shari Whiting, Lisa Wiles, Javonna Williams, Barbara Ross, Candice Aaron, Mara White, Tania Beavers, Asia Brown, Katina Bruin, Nella Carmichael, Courtney Chandler, Veronica Cliatt, Felicia Cooper, Ladonna Craft, Diane Durrence, Jamayla Edmond, Whitley Frazier, LaRictor Tomlin, Latashi Laster, Helen Lopez, Juanita Marra, Tina McCurry, Brittany Merchant, Marialicia Mitchell-Silva, Leah Montgomery, Mayelin Puga, Lynn Riley, D'Arcy Robb, Siera Shepherd, Brittany Sims, Stephany Vogel, Laura Moncada, Micolle Talley

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Registration/Sign-In	8:30am	All
Welcome, Roll Call	9:00am	Karen Lewis, Chair
Review and Approval of Minutes: <i>Meeting minutes from the January 19, 2023 Public and Executive SICC meetings were reviewed and approved by the Council.</i>	9:35am	Karen Lewis
Lead Agency Report: Women, Children, and Nursing Services and BCW updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part C Grant Application <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Completed and posted for public comments (60 days) on 3/16/23 ○ Last day for public comment 5/15/23 (No Comments Received as of today) ○ Currently budget information is from current year 	9:40 am	Kevin Byrd, Early Intervention (EI) Deputy Director/Part C Coordinator



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Once lead agency receives the budget for upcoming fiscal year, budget info will be updated and a note added to the website to notify the public of the change</i> • 325L Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>primary purpose of the Georgia 325L program is to improve systems serving infants and young children with disabilities and their families by fully preparing Georgia's Part C leaders to support Early Intervention (EI) providers in delivering the most effective evidence-based, family-centered supports for children with disabilities and their families.</i> ○ <i>Objectives of the PCLC curriculum</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Increase EI leaders' knowledge, confidence, and competence in their ability to lead EI providers</i> ▪ <i>Increase EI leaders' leadership skills related to supporting EI providers</i> ▪ <i>Increase EI leaders' commitment to the field of EI</i> ○ <i>Overview</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Year 3 (current – ends May 17, 2023)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PCLC (2nd cohort)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Participants (15)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>11 district leaders</i> ▪ <i>3 parents</i> ▪ <i>1 state leader</i> • <i>SC training (2 trainings offered) - 3 classes = Successful completion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>1st training: April 19th, May 3^d, and May 17th</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i># participants registered</i> ○ <i>2nd cohort – Sept. 13th, Sept. 27th, and May 17th</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Participant registration not available yet</i> • <i>CIAP (2nd cohort)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>4 attendees successfully completed</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Idea is that many who registered decided to withdraw due to the lack of stipends (which was available for participants in the first cohort)</i> ▪ <i>Year 4 (Begins 10/1/23)</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>PCLC (3^d cohort)</i> 		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Collaboration with Part B ○ Meetings to be scheduled soon w/M. Talley (GSU) and B. Ross (Part B) ○ Focused on leadership skills for both Part C & B ○ Discussions centered around partnership between both programs ● EISM (data system) update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ IT Business Analyst <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hired/start date (3/3/23) – Day Thomas ○ RFP Questionnaire <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Includes Laura Moncado (Gwinnett EIC) & Amie Locicero (Agency Owner & PT) & Debra Pileggi (Dublin EIC) ▪ Continuing to work on completing the questionnaire with the DPH-IT team <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Currently working with the IT team on the technical and data management components ● GA-AIMH Part C IMH Endorsement Fellowship Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Endorsement Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Georgia is the newest state to become licensed to administer the infant and early childhood mental health endorsements. This license was made possible by generous funding received through Georgia's state agencies. ○ Infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) endorsement "provides recognition of specialized knowledge and expertise in professionals working with or on behalf of pregnant people, children, birth through six, and their families. It is granted through documentation and verification of the required specialized education, work, in-service training, leadership, and reflective supervision/consultation (RSC) experiences. Endorsement is not a license but an overlay that complements one's professional license and/or other credentials." ● The vision for Georgia is for all the early childhood workforce to practice under the framework of infant and early childhood mental health (IECMH) so that they may understand the importance of early relational health and become part of a national network of practitioners who are providing evidence-based early intervention through an IECMH lens. ● DPH provided funding support to include the opportunity for BCW providers to participant 		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total of 27 ○ Interest Meetings were held on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Monday, March 27th ▪ Wednesday, March 29th • Comprehensive Systems Professional Development (CSPD) – Updates will be presented by Micole Talley at the SICC meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Core Group will be coming together in Connecticut on Sept. 18th – 21st, 2023. ○ Part C Lead Agency Core group members consist of Part C Coordinator (K. Byrd) and Family Support Manager (E. Snarey) • DMS 2.0 Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Any questions from the council after reviewing the protocols provided at the January SICC meeting ▪ Judy Threlkeld will be presenting detailed information on the lead agency's DMS process and plan ▪ Working with K. Lewis to develop a workgroup to include members of the SICC to support the lead agency in preparing for the DMS visit ○ Monitoring and Improvement DMS Topical Work Series <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead Agency applied and was accepted to participate ▪ March 31st, May 5th, June 9th, and July 14th ▪ 1 of 9 nine states selected ▪ Total of four sessions (2 hours/session) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Implementation of Current State System • DMS Protocols/Discussion of Challenge Areas (2 sessions) • Gap Analysis and Plan for Next Steps • FOS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ ECTA: TA on Improving Equity in Family Outcomes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Lead Agency applied (3/16/23) to participate in initiative and we were notified of our acceptance into the practicum on 4/11/23 ▪ The purpose is to support state teams in their efforts to improve the quality of family data and to use this data to improve implementation of recommended practices to families and family engagement at multiple levels. Also, assists our intention of creating efforts to improve family outcomes through collaborative and sustainable systemic change focused on advancing equity. 		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 24-month initiative that will include individualized and cross-state TA provided by ECTA and TA partners at the DaSy center. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly individual TA calls • Bimonthly (all-state) calls • Two all-state in-person meetings (travel covered) • One or more on-site visits by TA providers (as requested) • Ongoing support throughout the duration of the cohort ▪ 3 core members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kevin Byrd (Part C Coordinator) • Elizabeth Snarey (Family Support Manager) • Karen Lewis (Lead Agency Parent Rep.) ▪ Letter of Support/Commitment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diane Durrence (Division Director) • Karen Lewis (Lead Agency Parent Rep.) • 2023-2024 ITCA Finance Academy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Lead Agency applied (3/24/23) and awaiting response from ITCA ○ Focuses on Part C Lead Agency thinking strategically and developing a business plan to achieve clear objectives that are identified to improve EI finance system. ○ Objectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identifying a clear objective(s) ▪ Identify our partners in this process ▪ Assess the political context of who would be supportive or create barriers to achieving your objective ▪ Establish the need for the objective ▪ Determine what data needs to be collected and analyzed ▪ Identify the persuasive arguments for the objective ▪ Develop a business plan with benchmarks and timelines • APR/Data – Michael Lo is serving as the lead agency's interim Part C Data Manager <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Gainwell site visit (Gwinnett, Newton, Rockdale County Health Departments – District Office 2570 Riverside Pkwy L'ville, GA) ▪ April 17th – 19th, 2023 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 17th (DPH staff only) – discussing data processes including 		



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<p><i>EDFacts & EMAPS (OSEP system for entering Part C data)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>April 18th – 19th (DPH Staff, EICs, and K. Lewis) – discussing the Lead Agency's transition from annual APR audits to quarterly audits</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Overall this transition will lessen the amount of work required during an annual audit as well as support the lead and local agency in identifying areas of improvement prior to official submission of APR data to OSEP</i> • BCW Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>Confirmed session topics:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Keynote Speaker: Victor "James" Young (Project Administrator/IDEALS Institute @ John Hopkins University & DEC Committee Member)</i> ▪ <i>CPP</i> ▪ <i>Parent Panel & Dad Panel</i> ▪ <i>Ethical Decision Making</i> ▪ <i>Effective Teaming & Coaching</i> ▪ <i>DFCS – Early Childhood Services and Partnership Needs with EI</i> ▪ <i>Maintaining Contract Providers</i> ▪ <i>Ensuring Smooth EI Transitions</i> ▪ <i>What It Means to be a PSP within BCW</i> ▪ <i>Supporting Infants & Toddlers with Hearing Loss (panel of certified audiologists and medical professionals)</i> ▪ <i>Conflict Resolution</i> ▪ <i>History of BCW</i> ▪ <i>Time Management & Organizational Skills (panel session including rep. from local agency leadership, contract providers, and a current/recent parent of BCW)</i> ▪ <i>What I Wish I Learned from My EI Experience (family panel)</i> ▪ <i>Collaboration within the IFSP Team (2 parts)</i> ▪ <i>Best Practices in EI</i> ▪ <i>FOS: What is it & Why is it important?</i> ▪ <i>EI Resources</i> ▪ <i>Advocacy in EI</i> ▪ <i>Parent Concern: Somethings Up – When to reach out for help</i> ▪ <i>Cross Discipline in EI services (panel of BCW providers)</i> 		



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>Early Head Start Services and Partnership Needs with Part C (EI)</i> 		
<p>Parent Advisory Work Group (PAW)</p> <p><i>Participants of the Parent Advisory Work Group (PAW) provided an overview of their experience on the PAW. Each presenting PAW participant included a brief overview of their background, what they have learned, and what they hope to do next.</i></p>	9:55 am	Elizabeth Snarey, BCW SICC & Family Support Manager
<p>Introduction to Guest Speaker</p>	10:10 am	Synita Griswell, Sr. Program Manager of Behavioral Health & Development
<p>Presentation: ESI-MC Grant</p> <p><i>Dr. Staple-Wax presented information regarding the ESI-MC grant and covered the following information:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Early Screening/Detection of Red Flags for Autism Spectrum Disorder under 18 months of age</i> • <i>Early Intervention and Naturalistic Developmental Behavioral Interventions</i> • <i>History of tools</i> • <i>History of Collaboration with Part C and Community Based Pediatricians</i> • <i>Effectiveness Trial of the Early Social Interaction (ESI) Model using Mobile Technology for Toddlers with Autism Identified from Early Screening in Primary Care</i> • <i>Goals of the study</i> • <i>Early Social Interaction Model for Toddlers</i> • <i>Overview of Research Study</i> • <i>ESI-MC engagement and participation for Atlanta</i> • <i>Benefits of participation</i> • <i>Study participation</i> • <i>Timeline</i> • <i>Expected outcomes</i> • <i>Next steps</i> • <i>Secondary providers/working across districts</i> <p><i>*A copy of the PPT was sent to the Council following the meeting</i></p>	10:15 am	Dr. Jennifer Staple-Wax, Psy. D - Professor, Division of Autism and Related Providers, Emory University
<p>Public Comment (via in-person, in writing, conference line, or Microsoft Teams)</p> <p><i>Public comment was read during this meeting. A copy of the comment can be reviewed upon request</i></p>	11:00 am	Elizabeth Snarey, BCW SICC & Family Support Manager
<p>Update: McIntosh Early Childhood Development Council, Inc.</p> <p><i>The Council heard an update from McIntosh Early Childhood Development Council, Inc. The following information was shared:</i></p>	11:10 am	Stephanie Hollingsworth, Disability and Mental Health Manager, McIntosh Early



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of current student population Primary disabilities Overview of inclusion classroom Overview of ChildPlus-Agency Tracking System Overview of agency screening tool- Brigance Overview of forms <p><i>*A copy of the PPT was sent to the Council via email following the meeting</i></p>		Childhood Development Council, Inc.
Other Updates from Council	11:20 am	Council members
End Public Session, Break Individually for Lunch	11:30pm-1:00 pm	Karen Lewis
Executive Session Begins	1:00 pm	Karen Lewis, SICC Chair
<p style="text-align: center;">CSPD Update/Questions</p> <p><i>Dr. Micole Talley provided an update on the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CSPD Workgroups and initiatives Initiative updates Upcoming activities Parent educator and IFSP training updates 	1:05pm	Dr. Micole Talley, Ed. D, Early Childhood Project Manager (GSU – CLD)
<p>SICC Budget Update</p> <p><i>Ricky MaGee provided an overview of the SICC budge:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As of 4/20/2023, a total of \$2,162 of the \$10,000 budget was remaining. Council discussed using funds for marketing <p><i>*A copy of the budget was sent to the Budget/Fiscal sub-committee and can be made available upon request from Council members.</i></p>	1:35 pm	Ricky Magee, Senior Business Manager Women, Children, and Nursing Services
<p>Differentiated Monitoring and Support2.0 (DMS 2.0)</p> <p><i>Judy Threlkeld provided an overview of DMS 2.0 and covered the following:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evolution of DMS General supervision Dispute resolution Fiscal management Phases of monitoring (discovery, engagement, closeout) Corrective action Common state findings <p><i>*A copy of the PPT was shared with the Council</i></p>	1:45 pm	Judy Threlkeld, (BCW Program Consultant)



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<p>GAIMCH Infant – Toddler Court</p> <p><i>Ms. Fears did not present at the SICC meeting due to a scheduling conflict</i></p>	2:30 pm	Mitzi Fears, State Coordinator (GSU – COE)
<p>SICC Sub-Committee Report Out</p> <p><i>Each sub-committee provided any relevant updates with the Council. The Council also discussed the lack of service coordinator increase.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget/Finance • EIC Committee / Local District Liaisons • Nominating and Orientation • Parent Advisory • Annual Report to Governor/APR • Personnel Prep/Recruitment Retention • Service Delivery and Programs 	3:15 pm	SICC Sub-Committee Chair/Representative
<p>Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proxy Updates • Next Steps • Next meeting 	3:45 pm	Karen Lewis
Adjourn	4:00 pm	Karen Lewis