



**SICC Meeting Minutes**  
**Quarterly Meeting January 19, 2023**  
**(Public Session)**  
**State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) | Babies Can't Wait (BCW)**

**Meeting Objective:** To advise and assist the state lead agency as required by Part C of IDEA through discussion of Georgia Part C initiatives, priorities, and public concerns.

Convened at 9:00 am by:	Karen Young Lewis, Chairperson
Attendees	<p><b>SICC Members and Proxies:</b> Karen Lewis, Dr. Cynthia Vail, Carol Darrah (proxy for Cindy Vail), Barbara Ross, Don Chaney, Tamara Wilson, Allison Setterlind, Grechelle Blocker, Dr. Kelli Bishop, Lori Jackson, Kimberly Williams (proxy for Heidi Evans), Demetres Thomas, Kelly Ball, Amie Locicero, Julie Burns, Kristen Craig, Milagro Cordero, Mara White</p> <p><b>Parent Advisory Workgroup (PAW):</b> Alondra Mustafa, Kathleen Trella- Newland</p> <p><b>District Staff:</b> Nisey Dunbar (Fulton- virtual), Lois Blockley (Dalton- virtual), Shari Whiting (Gainesville- virtual), Javonna Williams (Augusta- virtual), Robin Schafer (Athens- virtual), Lisa Wiles (Macon- virtual), Ellie Gonsalves (DeKalb), Tracy Weeden (Waycross- virtual), Tracy Bain (Lagrange- virtual), Kiara Loud (Columbus - virtual), Sharonda Davis (Albany- virtual), Debra Pileggi (Dublin- virtual), Bonnie Hernandez (Cobb &amp; Douglas- virtual) Yvette Garrett (Cobb/Douglas- virtual)</p> <p><b>State Staff:</b> Shelena King, LaToya Reynolds, Kevin Byrd, Dian Facey, Mesha Robinson, Krystal Artis, Glecia Carter, Jenni Nowicki, Synita Griswell</p> <p><b>Absent:</b> Elaine Brown, Rebecca Ellis, Whitney Mitchell, Carmen Callaway, Sherrian Dorsey, Windy Scott, Phillip Bowden, Samantha Kurgan, Taylor Worland, Fozia Kahn Eskew, Marcus Wiedower, Marcus Wiedower, Latoya Reynolds, Dian Facey, Elaine Brown, Carmen Callaway, Julie Burns, Fozia Eskew</p>

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION ITEM(S)	ACCOUNTABLE PERSON
<b>I. Welcome and Roll Call and Introductions</b>	Karen Lewis welcomed all. Council members provided introductions.		Karen Lewis, SICC Chairperson
<b>II. Review and Approval of Minutes</b>	Minutes were reviewed electronically from the October 20, 2022 SICC Public Session and the October 21, 2022 Executive Session.		Karen Lewis, SICC Chairperson
<b>III. Lead Agency Report</b>	<b>325L Update</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 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.</li> <li>b. Objectives of the PCLC curriculum <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Increase EI leaders' knowledge, confidence, and competence in their ability to lead EI providers</li> <li>ii. Increase EI leaders' leadership skills related to supporting EI providers</li> <li>iii. Increase EI leaders' commitment to the field of EI</li> </ul> </li> <li>c. Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Year 1</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		Kevin Byrd, EI Deputy Director/Part C Coordinator

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planning, development, and preparation of PCLC</li> <li>ii. Year 2               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PCLC (1<sup>st</sup> cohort)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 10/6/21 – 4/27/22</li> <li>b. 22 participants (8 state office/11 south region/3 parent educators)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Master Coach training</li> <li>3. Fidelity in Practice – Early Intervention (FIP-EI) training                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 10 participants</li> </ul> </li> <li>4. Child Interest Activity Plan (CIAP)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 16 participants</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>iii. Year 3 (current)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. PCLC (2<sup>nd</sup> cohort)                   <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 10/20/22 – Kick-Off session</li> <li>b. 1/11/23 – 10/24/23</li> <li>c. 17 participants (including state and district staff and 2 parent educators)</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. SC training (2 trainings offered)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 1<sup>st</sup> cohort – April 19<sup>th</sup>, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and May 17<sup>th</sup> (<b>3 classes = Successful completion</b>)</li> <li>b. 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort - TBA</li> <li>3. CIAP (2<sup>nd</sup> cohort)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, and Feb. 1<sup>st</sup> (<b>3 classes = Successful completion</b>)</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>EISM (data system) update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>d. IT Project Manager               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Hired/start date (1/3/23)</li> </ul> </li> <li>e. Evaluation team developed               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Includes Laura Moncado (Gwinnett EIC) &amp; Amie Locicero (Agency Owner &amp; PT)</li> </ul> </li> <li>f. Business Analyst               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Interviews scheduled to begin week of Jan. 9<sup>th</sup></li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>UGA Environmental Scan</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>g. Overview               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. environmental scan seeks to determine the status of who is</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<p>receiving EI services, who is providing EI services, and explore the supportive factors and barriers to providing high quality equitable services across the state</p> <p>ii. UGA will use the data gathered from the environmental scan to help inform the development of a health equity plan that will recommend ways BCW can increase access to EI services in communities with low referral rates and high needs</p> <p>h. Benefits</p> <p>i. Increase access to early intervention services in districts with low referral rates and high needs</p> <p>ii. Assist in the achievement of equitable outreach and services across the state</p> <p>iii. Maximize the impact of early intervention services</p> <p>iv. Identify the demographics of who is receiving services and providing services</p> <p>v. Identify barriers in the enrollment process and delivery of services</p>		

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	<p><b>Infant-Toddler Court – Kick-Off 12/12/22</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Overview               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The goal of Georgia’s Infant-Toddler Court program is to improve statewide and policies to support young children (0-3) and their families who are involved, or at risk of involvement, in the children welfare system, and build statewide capacity to prevent child maltreatment more broadly. This goal will be achieved by expanding evidence-based infant-toddler court teams and improving early developmental health and well-being of infants, toddlers, and their families.</li> </ul> </li> <li>j. Objectives               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Establish leadership capacity</li> <li>ii. Develop a state action plan</li> <li>iii. Increase capacity through training</li> <li>iv. Establish local capacity for ITC implementation</li> <li>v. Improve youth and family outcomes</li> <li>vi. Establish sustainability and scaling plans</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<p><b>Comprehensive Systems Professional Development (CSPD)</b> – Updates will be presented by Micole Talley at the SICC meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>k. Core Group is resetting and coming together on Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss next steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Includes myself (Part C), Barbara Ross (Part B), Elizabeth Snarey (Part C Families), GSU (Emily Graybill, Micole Talley, and Raynell Washington), and a rep. from Part B Families.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Pilot districts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Athens</li> <li>ii. Macon</li> <li>iii. DeKalb</li> </ul> </li> <li>m. Funding <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. DPH providing funding to DECAL to extend evaluation for 1 year</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>DMS 2.0 Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n. OSEP pre visit/calls (Fall 2024) and official visit (September 2025)</li> <li>o. 8 components <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Fiscal Management</li> <li>ii. Integrated Monitoring</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. Sustaining Compliance and Improvement</li> <li>iv. Dispute Resolution</li> <li>v. Technical Assistance and Professional Development</li> <li>vi. Data Systems</li> <li>vii. State Performance Plan/APR</li> <li>viii. Policies and Procedures</li> <li>p. Judy Threlkeld has contracted with the State to serve as the Program Consultant taking lead on the DMS process</li> <li>q. Forming a workgroup to include members of the SICC/SICC subcommittee to support the lead agency in preparation for our visit</li> <li>r. State team is completing the DMS component protocols</li> </ul> <p><b>Early Social intervention Mobile Grant (EISM)</b></p> <p>Synita Griswell, spoke about new events sponsored by Marcus Autism aimed at increasing engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Refer 12 months and 17 months for screening and referral</li> <li>• Looking for 45 families and for teaching and coaching</li> <li>• 4 providers have started the beginning of the program</li> </ul>		



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Home observations are completed</li> <li>• Received IFSP – ESI coaching for 6 months</li> </ul>		
<b>IV. APR Report Overview</b>	<p>Melanie Durley provided an overview of the Annual Performance Report (APR)</p> <p><b><u>Part C Annual Performance Report Background</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submitted annually to the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP)</li> <li>• Evaluates the state’s efforts to implement the requirements and purposes of Part C</li> <li>• Comprised of Performance and Compliance indicators</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Compliance Indicators</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicator 1 Timely Provision of Services: 97.91%, did not meet target, no slippage</li> <li>• Indicator 7 45-Day Timeline: 98.58%, did not meet target, no slippage</li> <li>• Indicator 8A-8C Early Childhood Transition: 8A 99.60%, did not meet target, no slippage; 8B 100%, met target; 8C 99.84, did not meet target, no slippage</li> </ul>		<p>Melanie Durley, Director, Program Evaluation and Performance Improvement</p>

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	<p><b><u>Performance Indicators</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indicator 2 Services in Natural Environment, 89.99%, did not meet target, slippage</li> <li>Indicator 3A Positive Social Emotional Skills, 3A1-80.13%, did not meet target, no slippage; 3A2-63.52, did not meet target, slippage</li> <li>Indicator 3B Acquisition and Use of Knowledge and Skills, 3B1 83.45%, did not meet target, slippage, 3B2 49.35, did not meet target, slippage</li> <li>Indicator 3C Use of Appropriate Behavior to Meet Needs, 3C1 84.24%, did not meet target, no slippage, 3C2 69.90%, did not meet target, no slippage</li> <li>Indicator 4 Family Involvement; 4A 99.48%, met target, no slippage, 4B 99.29%, met target, no slippage, 4C 99.29%, met target, no slippage</li> <li>Indicator 5 &amp; 6 Child Find: Indicator 5, 0.58%, did not meet target, slippage; Indicator 6, 2.35%, met target, no slippage</li> </ul> <p>A copy of the presentation will be sent out to the Council</p>		

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<b>V. Presentation: Building Georgia's Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health System</b>	<p>Laura Lucas gave a presentation titled, <i>Building Georgia's Infant &amp; Early Childhood Mental Health System</i> which addressed and outlined:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview/definition of infant and early childhood mental health</li> <li>• Mental health vs. mental illness</li> <li>• Overview/definition of early relational health</li> <li>• Infant and Toddler Social and Emotional Health House Study Committee</li> <li>• IECMH Director Position, housed at DECAL since November 2020</li> <li>• IECMH Task Force with child serving state agencies represented convening monthly since February 2021</li> <li>• The role of IECMH Task Force is to build and sustain a comprehensive and collaborative Early Childhood System of Care in Georgia</li> <li>• Early Childhood Mental Health Task Force Workgroups: promotion/prevention, policy/finance, &amp; workforce development</li> <li>• IECMH Workforce overview</li> </ul>		<p>Laura Lucas, MS Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Director  Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgia AIMH Overview</li> <li>Child Parent Psychotherapy (CPP): overview and definition of didactic treatment and CPP provided</li> </ul> <p>A copy of this presentation will be sent to the Council</p>		
<b>VI. Public Comment</b>	<p>The Council heard written and virtual public comments.</p> <p>All public comments will receive a response from the Lead Agency</p> <p>All written public comments to be stored on SICC SharePoint</p>		
<b>VII. District Updates: North Health District/ Gainesville</b>	<p>Shari Whiting shared District 2's overview, concerns, and highlights :</p> <p><u><b>Overview</b></u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13 counties located in the Northeast corner of Georgia. Border both North and South Carolina.</li> <li>Divided into 4 Primary Service Provider Teams</li> <li>Hall County and Forsyth County are the largest counties in the district</li> </ul>		<p>Shari Whiting, District 2 Babies Can't Wait Early Intervention Coordinator</p> <p>North Health District/Gainesville</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current district enrollment numbers</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Concerns</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Number of service coordinators and special instruction providers. Currently service coordinators are carrying higher than normal caseloads.</li> <li>Number of therapists for in-home services</li> <li>Rural areas underserved</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Highlights</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented to other community programs to increase child find and knowledge</li> <li>Partnership with Ninth District Opportunities/Early Head Start</li> <li>Participating in the Preschool Collaboration for North Georgia.</li> </ul>		
<b>VIII. Other updates or discussion from Council</b>	No other updates or discussion from Council		
<b>IX. Wrap up &amp; Adjourn</b>	The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 pm by Karen Lewis.		Karen Lewis, SICC Chairperson