



Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

Family Engagement Committee Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Virtual Meeting

January 9, 2025

9:30am - 11:00am

Attendance

Members

Sandra Caudillo (absent)
Alissa Eromae (present)
Robin Hale (present)
Alison Lucas (absent)

Dani Merrill (present)
Sonia Samaniego (present)
Laurie Shook (present)
Neil Tift (absent)

Staff (AzEIP)

Jerrilene Antone Morton (absent)
Tanya Goitia (present)

Amanda Honeywood (absent)
Lisa Vallee (present)

Public

None

Minutes

1. Call to Order - meeting called to order by Laurie Shook at 9:37am
2. Read Public Member Notice - no one from the public was in attendance so this wasn't read
3. Minute Approval from November 21, 2024 Family Engagement Committee Meeting
 - a. Robin motioned to approve the minutes from November 21, 2024
 - b. Alissa seconded the motion to approve the minutes from November 21, 2024
 - c. Laurie, Alissa, Sonia, Dani, and Robin approved the minutes from November 21, 2024
4. Discussion Items/Topics
 - a. Community Feedback - fear of repeat of SB1070 with the current Proposition 314 has been shared, concern that parents may choose not to participate in different programs or government services because of the fear of what could happen to their family at this time if undocumented; good for AzEIP to be aware of this fear, help families to understand what can ease the fear, whatever we can do to be supportive and ensure families get the services they need and feel supported; messaging from AzEIP standpoint would be helpful so families are aware of AzEIP's role and that families can still be eligible for these services, if not comfortable with someone

- coming to their home, could ask if they would be open to monthly calls; also fear around transition and what school districts can and can't support, messaging for families around the transition process would be helpful; at Raising Special Kids they say we serve everyone regardless of immigration status; AzEIP is also here to serve everyone and families are safe
- b. Family Story - family story needed for 3/20/25 ICC Meeting; committee members are communicating with potential families interested in sharing their stories; committee reviewed and updated the 2025 Family Story Recruitment Process
 - c. AzEIP Family Forum Suggestions - AzEIP is looking for ways to increase family engagement and participation; committee discussed and brainstormed possible names for the forum and propose "AzEIP Family Connections"; discussion around importance of availability of forum in English, Spanish and American Sign Language to allow families to feel more comfortable and know this is a safe space to speak freely; committee suggests two sessions for one hour each around 12pm and 6pm and to avoid sessions on Mondays and Fridays; need to identify an alternative way for families to provide feedback if they do not know how to access technology or are unable to participate; discussion around the importance of putting faces to names at AzEIP so that families have a familiar face and trusted space to share feedback; committee recommends using a registration link with reminders set the week before and day of the forum in addition to posting the date/time on the website; community partners will play a huge role in spreading the word about the forums; committee suggests adding question at the end to spark conversation
 - d. Rack Card for ICC and Facebook - tabled until next meeting
5. Action/Follow-up
 - a. Lisa Vallee will send ICC subcommittee mission statements to committee members
 - b. Tanya Goitia will send a draft copy of the updated 2025 Family Story Recruitment Process to committee members
 - c. Laurie Shook will follow up with potential family interested in sharing their family story at the March 20, 2025 ICC Meeting
 - d. Laurie Shook will ask at the next ICC Executive Committee Meeting for any subcommittee mission statement updates to be sent to Lisa Vallee
 6. Public Comment - no public participation today
 7. Adjourn - meeting adjourned by Laurie Shook at 10:54am
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