



INTERAGENCY COORDINATING COUNCIL (ICC) FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS

DRAFT MINUTES

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting

Friday January 21, 2022, 11:30am-2:00pm

Virtual Meeting

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ATTENDEES

Council

Amy Corriveau

Brittany Miller

Dana Hutchings

Jaime Pack-Adair

Judith Walker

Kelly Lalan

Kendra Benedict

Lana Graber, Chair

Laurie Shook

Sarah Greene

Stephanie Collier

Suzanne Perry

AzEIP Staff

Alicia Amundson

Amanda Honeywood

Anissa Moussa

Annie Converse

Caroline Nailor-Oglesby

Debbie Daniels

Erica Melies

Jeremiah Hale

Lisa Casteel

Tanya Goitia

Paige Thomas

The meeting was called to order at 11:33am by Lana Graber ICC Chair. Lana read the Public Comment Notice.

Jennifer Harrison from Southwest Human Development's Smooth Way Home Program presented the educational topic. The overall purpose of the Smooth Way Home Fragile Infant Project is to improve the social, developmental, and medical outcomes of very fragile infants by enhancing the coordination of care and the quality of services provided as they transition from the newborn intensive care unit to their home and community.

Laurie Shook gave a presentation about her families experience with AzEIP when their son was an infant.

ICC UPDATES

Lana welcomed the new board members.

The minutes from November 19, 2021 were approved by unanimous vote.

Alicia Amundson, Administrator of AzEIP and Part C Coordinator, outlined the Annual Performance Report that is submitted to the Office of Special Education Programs. The report is

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written by the AzEIP staff but needs signed by the ICC Chair. The report was emailed to all members previously. After discussion and review of the report a unanimous vote was made for Lana to sign the report.

COMMITTEE UPDATES

Transition Committee update was given by Stephanie Collier. The new Transition Guide has received positive feedback from the public, including being shared by Arizona PBS. The committee completed their new Mission Statement: *The committee is committed to assisting the Arizona Early Intervention Program (AzEIP) in reaching and maintaining 100% compliance with the timely and high-quality transition of all children out of Part C services (early intervention) to Part B preschool and/or other community services, by providing support, guidance, and feedback on policies and procedures.*

Fiscal Committee update was given by Dana Hutchings. They continue to reach out to the Legislature to encourage a permanent rate increase for AzEIP providers. Their Mission Statement reads: *The ICC Fiscal Committee exists to provide the Department of Economic Security, Arizona Early Intervention Program (DES/AzEIP) and its partners and contracting agencies with fiscal advice and assistance to support the financial stability of AzEIP. The goals include building awareness, engaging and educating stakeholders such as, but not limited to, the Executive Branch and Legislature on AzEIP fiscal needs, both short and long term. Other goals include researching and consideration of other state's early intervention program's funding sources with the objective of creating financial stability for AzEIP.*

Family Engagement Committee update was given by Brittany Miller. The committee is currently working on a social media policy and recruiting families. Some families are struggling to understand team-based model and the relationship between AzEIP, DDD, and ALTCs. The Family Engagement Committee Mission Statement reads: *Support AZEIP in creating a partnership with families to work together to improve services in early childhood programs, engage families in advocacy, and bridge the gap in parent involvement by encouraging authentic feedback, providing opportunities for collaboration, and helping families feel comfortable to share their voice, all to better our state services for young children.*

Development Committee update was given by Kathleen Muldoon. Their Mission Statement reads: *The mission of the Development Committee is to support the ICC by improving structure of policies and procedures, recruiting, and retaining members, and providing education for new and existing members in ways that are IDEA compliant, leading to a more efficient ICC that represents Arizona's diverse populations.*

AZEIP UPDATES

The COVID committee has scheduled a meeting for January 28, 2022. The current AzEIP COVID guidance document will be updated.

AzEIP has completed most of the findings from the OSEP visit in 2019 and are close to having all findings closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacy Reinstein – The Child Care Administration team is now a division in DES
<https://express.adobe.com/page/DQx8u7JtEX7Oe/>

The Early Childhood Summit is February 24-25. <https://www.azed.gov/specialeducation/early-intervention-and-early-childhood-special-education-summit-2022-virtual-event>

The next ICC meeting is scheduled for Friday April 15, 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:35pm.