



Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Virtual Meeting

Thursday, November 21, 2024

10:30am - 12:00pm

The role of the ICC is to advise, assist, and advocate for the Arizona Early Intervention Program and its partnering agencies to administer, promote, coordinate, and improve early intervention for families and professionals.

Attendance

Members (ICC Governor Appointees)

Sarah Patrick Greene- Present
Sonia Samaniego- Present
Laurie Shook- Present
Stacey Reinstein- Absent
Lana Graber- Present
Amy Munoz- Present
Amber Neubauer- Present

Dana Hutchings- Absent
Stephanie Collier- Present
Olivia Lindly- Absent
Kendra Benedict- Present
Charlene May- Present
Kelly Lalan- Absent

Members (Subcommittee Appointees)

Gini Britton- Present
Alissa Eromae- Present
Jennifer Forschino- Present
Crystal Ghica- Present
Kyle Hammond- Present
Pv Jantz- Absent
Jenee Sisnroy- Present
Camille Verdugo- Absent

Amy White- Present
Sylvia Acosta- Absent
Ariel Sansom- Absent
Sandra Caudillo- Present
Kristy Thornton- Absent
Courtney Arevalo- Present
Danielle Merrill- Present
Melissa Busby- Present

Staff (AzEIP)

Anissa Albert- Present
Jerrilene Antone Morton- Present
Ena Binns- Present
Jessica Blackburn- Present
Lisa Casteel- Present
Amy Aeed- Present

Karylann Converse- Present
Chantelle Curtis- Present
Tanya Goitia- Present
Lidia Gonzales- Present
Jeremiah Hale- Present
Amanda Honeywood- Present

Jessica Jimmerson- Present
Erica Melies- Present
Pamela Meurer- Present

Amanda Tipotsch- Present
Lisa Vallee- Present

Public

Frances Altmaier
Alicia Amundson
Melissa Estrada
Latrina Harris-Lewis
Bjorg LeSuer
Kristen Levi
Alison Lucas

Kathryn Montoya
Amy Morales-Baum
Jackie Schodt
Tammy Sergent
Emily Singleton
Robin Voreck
Joanna Garcia

Minutes

1. Call to Order 10:36 am by Sarah Greene
1. Read Public Member Notice by Sonia Samaniego
2. Minute Approval from previous meeting on September 26, 2024
 - a. Minutes were not able to be approved due to quorum.
3. Educational Topic
 - a. Raising Special Kids presentation by Laurie Shook
4. Discussion Items/Topics
 - a. Potential Future Educational Topics (Sonia Samaniego/Vice Chair)
 - i. Care 4 the Caregivers - Michele Thorne
 - ii. Sonia is looking for other educational topics for future meetings. If you have an educational topic that you would like to share or other agencies that would like to present in the ICC meeting, please reach out to Sonia Samaniego. Laurie offered DDD to present because of the AZEIP children are with DDD, maybe doing a presentation on the insights of DDD that can help families.
 - b. Vote on Proposed ICC 2025 Meeting Dates (Sarah Greene/Chair)
 - i. The committee was not able to vote due to quorum. If there are any suggestions or feedback for Thursday as a preferred meeting day, please reach out to Sarah Greene. Sarah will send out following communication to the ICC members to get this voted prior to the January 16th meeting.
 - c. New Committee Members (Sarah Greene/Chair)
 - i. Christopher Keck - Development Committee (Interim Chair)
 - ii. Fran Altmaier - Development Committee
 - iii. Danielle Merrill - Family Engagement Committee
 - iv. Tammy Sergent - Transition Committee
 - d. Input from AZEIP Ask from Committee Meetings regarding
 - i. Child Find (work group?)
 1. The transition committee will be overseeing this topic and working on the document for Child Find and Family Outcomes.
 - ii. Improving Family Outcomes (Family Engagement)

1. Laurie has been working on the outreach portion approach to families. Getting feedback on family forums- happy to provide insight on what it will look like on families as well what families would like to hear. The committee will be working on getting this going.
 - iii. Improving Child Outcomes (Transition Committee)
 1. The transition committee is working on this and will explain more in the updates.
5. Committee Updates
- a. Transition Committee (Kyle Hammond /Camille Verdugo / Chantell Curtis)
 - i. The transition committee had a meeting today and had a productive meeting. Welcome Courtney and Tammy to the committee. We relied on activities such as AzEIP and ADE. IDEA conference that is upcoming as well as an early intervention ECSC summit in March. Spent the majority meeting on the AzEIP request for assistance. Improving the child and family outcome quite a discussion went out on the dashboard, the AzEIP dashboard on what that looks like to get a better idea and what AzEIP is looking for. The committee decided the compliance workgroup will be working on the family outcome question and the quality practice group will be working on the child outcome question. The committee created a new workgroup that will work on the child's question. We did not have time to break out of the work group, but AzEIP ask, each workgroup meet prior to the next transition group meeting to start working on the items. The committee will have the better sense on what all workgroups would need to do and will bring it back to the ICC committee to see where that follows next. The transition next meeting will be scheduled depending on the 2025 schedule.
 - b. Fiscal Committee (Amber Neubauer / Leo Huppert / Lisa Casteel)
 - i. Amber stated that the committee has been working on creating a proposal for family participation stipend and finalizing the document for approval. The other subject we talked about in the last meeting and if anyone wants to partner with no shows/cancelation to make a document proposal. It was brought up that some families don't understand the importance of cancel and no shows are for services for children. The committee would like to dive into this more to get families assistance and the importance. A parent Cristina Reinteria on the committee has a lot of family perspectives that can help draft some information for families. Any committee that would like to partner with fiscal on this topic please let Amber know. Laurie Shook commented that the family engagement would like to come together again and maybe get some ideas going. The next fiscal meeting is on January 16, 2025.
 - c. Family Engagement (Laurie Shook / Tanya Goitia)
 - i. The family committee has been working on the new parent involvement recruitment. Also, in constant ask if anyone has information on ICC Facebook page. Please send to ICC inbox about any committee-based events or articles so that they can be shared on Facebook. The ICC rap card is close to being done and will be ready to be distributed in the beginning of the year. The committee will be providing a Feedback forum, Alissa is vice chair on the committee. The committee does not have a date set for the next meeting, but will have a doodle poll with the committee, TBA by Laurie Shook. The ICC Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/azearlychildhoodICC> II Content Suggestions: iccsocialmedia@azdes.gov.
 - d. Development Committee (Christopher Keck / Erica Melies)
 - i. Christopher Keck stated that the committee has no update at this time, communicated with the group to find time for a meeting set up. Christopher will reconnect with Erica Melies on reintroduction on the committee.

6. AzEIP Updates

7. Action/Follow up
 - a. None
8. Public Comment
 - a. Hi everyone, I serve families in region 3, specifically in Maryvale and Glendale where there is a large population of undocumented and refugee families. The results of the Presidential election and the passing of AZ's Proposition 314 has started to affect some of the families that I serve. This week I spoke to a parent that told me that they are planning to move in January because they are afraid of being deported. I have had undocumented families be afraid to receive AzEIP services because they thought we would report them to ICE. And I have spoken to a couple of other providers who've told me they've been having similar conversations with families. Although no official policies have been enacted yet, these families are afraid and stressed. Proposition 314 is similar to SB1070. How did AzEIP support families during SB1070? What did AzEIP learn from that time? I ask this because I foresee several families moving to a different state or leaving the country, and this will directly impact Child Find. Also, how can AzEIP provide support to the service coordinators and providers that are directly serving families who are being impacted? The bilingual DSI on my team mentioned that personally she would want training on mental health and stress so that she could support families during these difficult conversations. I bring all this up because I don't want undocumented and refugee families to be an afterthought. I want us all to be better prepared for what's to come and know how we can support the families that we serve. Thank you, Melissa Estrada. Response- AzEIP has been asked to review the matter.
9. Schedule Next Meeting
 - a. Potential date January 16, 2025
10. Adjourn at 12:05 pm by Sarah Greene

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