



# Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) for Infants and Toddlers

## Interagency Coordinating Council Meeting Minutes - DRAFT

Virtual Meeting

Thursday, September 26, 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.

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### 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- Absent

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

#### Members (Subcommittee Appointees)

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

Camille Verdugo- Absent  
Amy White- Absent  
Sylvia Acosta- Absent  
Ariel Sansom- Absent  
Sandra Caudillo- Present  
Kristy Thornton- Absent

#### 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

Katherine Kicey  
Kristen Levi  
Melissa Busby  
Valerie Abbott  
Robin Voreck  
Jacqueline Gencarelle  
Danielle Merrill

Dawn O'Brien  
Elizabeth Brooks  
Dajya Jackson  
Charmyne Lentz  
Bjorg LeSeur  
Ashley Renslow  
Alison Lucas

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## Minutes

1. Call to Order at 10:33 am by Sarah Greene
2. Read Public Member Notice by Sonia Samaniego
3. Minute Approval from previous meeting on May 23, 2024
  - a. Sonia Samaniego motioned to approve and Lana Graber second motion to approve minutes. Followed by all committee members saying aye.
4. Bylaws revision for vote
  - a. Committee is ready to vote on the revision, any further discussion before voting. Sarah Greene announces to the committee a motion to approve. Amy Muñoz approved 1st and Laurie Shook 2nd approval.
5. Family Story presented by the Brooks Family
6. Educational Topics
  - a. Cross State Collaboration for OAE Trainings (30 minutes) (Sonia / Vice Chair)
    - i. Presentation presented by Colorado State Collaboration Valarie Abbott, Dawn O'Brien, and Ashley Renslow. After the presentation Sarah had questions about screening for babies that live on the reservations because AZ is the same situation with border babies. New Mexico is working with other states in collaborating to get the assistance. Reaching out to other states when families have babies that are being screened that were out of state. Communicating with the states in results is difficult when states hassle families for results. Tribal families- Sonia states for Tribal agency doing a lot of training trying to ensure working with ambassadors thru the tribes. It's hard to not have a trusted source to help with families if you do not have one. Currently working to make cultural connections as an ambassador to work with the families. Sarah asked Ashley- How do community members participate working with Colorado voices to bring in, the advisor committee go through hearing screenings, and within the EHDI Alliances working with locals to assist. There is a membership application for the committee through Colorado. EHDI alliances are open alliances and easy to participate in.
  - b. ASU Early Intervention Specialization Courses (10 minutes) (Sarah / Chair)
    - i. Presentation presented by Katherine Kicey and Bjorg. Link to collaborate with communities  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cslnBN3bbbdKr29IPQJXBuecxDetzRp/view>
    - ii. Lana has a question regarding Chantelle will all these will be used for education for DSI or SC, that if hired will they need these classes. Chantelle responded yes, they will, they will need to be with standards. AzEIP will include in policy and procedure information coming for SPA on how these courses can be utilized. ASU does have open courses to

go online to register. ASU provides 5 weeks courses that are scheduled, Bjorg stated that they will get them scheduled out of the cohort together.

- iii. The level would professionally be learning hours. An option for someone who wanted to transfer into a bachelor's degree. The classes only specialize birth to 3. Participants are able to take more than 1 course if there are a lot of people attending. AzEIP is working internally to ensure that anyone that does participate in the course are well qualified and ensure the courses benefit SPA.

## 7. Discussion Items/Topics

- a. Completion of annual ICC Training (Sarah)
  - i. Thank you to anyone attending the training over the summer. There was great attendance, and a good turnout.
- b. Appointment of Chair and Vice for Transition Committee (Sarah)
  - i. Congratulations Kyle Hammon and Camile Verdugo appointed chairs.
- c. Share about OSEP Conference (Sonia)
  - i. Just an overview of the conference. Thank you for having the opportunity to attend the conference and being part of the ICC. It was a really engaging and great opportunity to learn more about what is happening at the national level for OSEP. Four areas that were focused are as follows: Personal development- what it looks like in others states discussion on equity on EI program and provide opportunities and looking at continues to grow on personnel in the field and workforce. Cultural responses- practice looking at building personnel who are engaging with families' tribal communities, refugee families. OSEP scholar program- a new program that is offering the opportunities similar to that we are doing with ASU on a larger scale. Scholars can take advantage of the program in the OSEP. Accessibility- where things are made accessible for families and working with children. It is important to see how professionals are engaging with families in their language and interpreters are needed and the information is accessible in their home language. A lot of families are not able to access information, it's very crucial. Assistance technology has a lot of different ways to communicate. Increase outcome disabilities- local assistance program is underutilized. A lot of people don't know that they are available to help. Putting that information out to the provider that takes the advantage that can be used. Engaging families this huge message ECHO working on, bringing in the families are being engaged, building relationships with families. Child Find process looking at provider education on services provider- working with pediatrician and understanding how to get to AzEIP making the referral and knowing the program. Engage with families to increase Child Find.
- d. Share about IDIO Conference (Dana)
  - i. Dana shared her experiences attending the conference. Appreciated going and learning a lot as a provider and agency. Making sure staff is being supported and a lot of information from other states and knowing what they are doing. Learn how we can improve a lot of information to look at Data and narrow it down on the changes that can be made. Seeing what other states are doing especially through Child Find it's an eye opener. Lastly child indicator summaries learn about ensuring the state is making a change of huge importance. Lana stated that with ICC in looking into a committee specializing in pediatrician in assisting the families. This could help with the Child Find getting an increase on that.
- e. AzEIP request for assistance regarding Child Find (Sarah)
  - i. Sarah states to the ICC committee to ask the transition committee and families committee in taking this on. So, without having to open a new committee, we can add this on the next agenda for discussion. AzEIP will explain in the updates.

## 8. Committee Updates

- a. Transition Committee Kyle Hammond/Camille Verdugo
  - i. Transition committee was not able to meet for today's meeting due to quorum. Committee will reschedule a meeting in a couple weeks to meet and have an updated agenda to present the ICC.
- b. Fiscal Committee Amber Neubauer/Lisa Casteel/Jeremiah Hale
  - i. Amber could not attend the meeting. So Sarah read the updates from Amber. As stated, Amber met with RSK, to provide training for parents and offer to train parents free of cost. Fiscal committee asking AzEIP for reimbursement amount to be at \$20-25 for participation. This will assist 3-hour training. Family engagement will do the recruiting but would like to know the amount of reimbursement. Committee Leo Huppert has been nominated as vice chair of the committee. Budget is being worked on, and goals for strategic planning as a committee.
- c. Family Engagement Laurie Shook/Tanya Goitia
  - i. Family committee appointed Alisa to be vice chair. We are looking to start an Instagram account and Facebook to get the ok to do management app. Please keep sending articles to any information that you want shared on the ICC page and it's getting more engagement like and share. Started the movement to ICC rack cards and work on that more by next will get information on there for the next meeting. Discuss topic to join the ICC families that are overwhelming in joining the ICC its being shared that families are overwhelmed. Might be better to have a QR on the card to assist families to get more information and AzEIP can discuss it with the families, so they won't feel so overwhelmed. Families and professionals are that team-based model that leaves families wanting more and being part of AzEIP get a problem solved and share the team model organized.
- d. Development Committee Ariel Sansom/Erica Melies
  - i. No Updates at this time. Sarah Greene will reach out to Ariel Sansom.

## 9. AzEIP Updates

- a. Child and Community Services Division (CCSD)
- b. AzEIP Community Resource Guide
- c. Assistive Technology Follow up
- d. AzEIP Request for assistance

## 10. Action/Follow up

- a. None

## 11. Public Comment

- a. None

## 12. Schedule Next Meeting Thursday November 21, 2024

## 13. Adjourn at 1:02 pm by Sarah Greene

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