



ECI Stakeholders Alliance  
 December 5, 2023  
 1:00pm- 3:00pm  
 Zoom Link:  
<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1612112171>  
 Meeting ID: 161 211 2171

Timeframe	Item	Lead	Strategic Goal/Comments/Outcome
1:00pm - 1:10pm	Welcome & Agenda Overview	Pat McReynolds, Co-Chair of Alliance and Steering Committee	<p><b>Welcome</b> Review of the agenda</p> <p>Small Group Reflection Activity: Introductions: Name, agency, role in ECI, and share one thing you are looking forward to for the holidays.</p>
1:10 pm-2:20 pm (1 hour, 10 minutes)		<p>Rhonda Rairden-Nelson, HHS, Iowa Infant Toddler Court and Project LAUNCH</p> <p>Kere Hughes-Belding, ISU</p> <p>Faith Molthen, ISU</p> <p>PJ West, HHS, MIECHV</p> <p>4 R Kids ECI Area, Deb Schrader</p> <p>Paige Smothers, Director of Sprouts Early Learning Academy</p> <p>Kristi Nixon, family support</p> <p>Joyce Westphal, ISU Extension &amp; Outreach</p>	<p><b>Investing in Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● What is mental health consultation? Mental health consultation vs. reflective consultation</li> <li>● Project LAUNCH             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Lessons learned</li> <li>○ Successes and challenges</li> <li>○ Local Story</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visitation (MIECHV), a family support workforce support initiative</li> <li>● 4 R Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area (Adair, Dallas, Madison, Warren counties)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overview of ECI’s response to invest in mental health consultation</li> <li>○ Local Stories</li> </ul> </li> <li>● CHI Behavioral Health Grant Overview (private and public dollars)</li> <li>● Quad Counties 4 Kids (Taylor and Adams)</li> <li>● KFC Area (Clarke, Decatur, Wayne)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overview of ECI’s response to invest in mental health consultation</li> <li>○ Local Stories</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 4 Counties for Kids Early Childhood Iowa Area             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Overview of ECI’s response to invest in mental health consultation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

		<p>Quad Counties for Kids ECI Area &amp; Kids First Communities ECI Area, Jenny Robinson</p> <p>Crystal Hanson, The Village</p> <p>4 Counties for Kids ECI Area, Gaylyn Mercer</p> <p>Amanda Jaramillo Ayon</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Local Stories</li> <li>● Summary Overview <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reflection</li> <li>○ Clarifying definitions</li> <li>○ Open it up to the group for questions about consultation</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
2:20pm--2:55pm (35 minutes)		Ashley Otte, IowaAEC	2023 Child Care Workforce Study
2:55pm (5 minutes)	Group Reflections	Pat McReynolds	Post in the <a href="#">Jamboard your reflections</a> of something new you learned today.

<b>2024 ECI Meetings At-a-Glance</b>		
<b>ECI Stakeholders Alliance</b>	<b>ECI Steering Committee</b>	<b>ECI State Board (9:00am-12:00pm Virtual &amp; 10:00am - 1:00pm when in-person)</b>
2 Hour meetings; hosted virtually February 13 (AM) 9:00am-11:00am May 7 (PM) 1:00pm-3:00pm September 10 (AM) 9:00am-11:00am December 3 (PM) 1:00pm-3:00pm	9:00am-11:00am January 11 March 7 June 6 August 1 October 3 November 7	January 5 March 1 June 7 September 6 November 1

**Vision**

Every child, beginning at birth, will be healthy and successful.

**Purpose of ECI Stakeholders Alliance**

The purpose of the Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders Alliance (ECI SA) includes:

- Overseeing/providing input into the development of a comprehensive, integrated early childhood system for Iowa that meets the needs of children ages 0-5 and families, and integrates the early learning; health, mental health and nutrition; family support and special needs/early intervention systems
- Supporting the Early Childhood Iowa State Board in addressing the early care, health, and education systems that affect children ages 0 -5.
- Advising the governor, general assembly, state board, and other public and private policy bodies and service providers in coordinating activities and policies related to Iowa’s comprehensive early childhood system.

**“We are ECI” 2023-2026 Strategic Plan Goals**

1. Promote a coordinated infrastructure to advance the early childhood system.
2. Build public will for investing in young children and their families.
3. Transform the early childhood workforce through formal education, greater professionalism, increased skills and competence, and new approaches to implementing best practices.
4. Ensure that young children and families receive the services they need when they need them.
5. Improve the quality of early childhood services for young children and their families across early care and education; health, mental health, and nutrition; and family support services.