

Meeting Agenda

Division: Family Well-Being and Protection: Early Intervention and Support

Meeting Topic: Early Childhood Iowa State Board Meeting

Date: September 5, 2025

Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm

Location: **Zoom Meeting**

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/1617166367>

Meeting ID: 161 716 6367

In-person Meeting Option

Lucas State Office Building (312 E 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319),
Ground Floor Room 20

Meeting Objectives

1. Welcome participants, review agenda, approve minutes, and share administrative updates to align with ECI Strategic Plan Goal 1.
2. Provide opportunity for public comment to engage stakeholders.
3. Review the current and ideal state of Early Intervention and Support (EIS), with a focus on pathways to family stability.
4. Reestablish shared goals and commitments through strategic action planning.
5. Review and approve adjustments to Tool U to enhance implementation flexibility.
6. Confirm adjournment, next meeting schedule, and proposed 2026 meeting dates for planning and coordination.

Meeting Participants

- Emily Westergaard, Chair
- Shelley Horak, Director of EIS
- Amanda Winslow, Bureau Chief, Early Childhood Services
- Unity Stevens, Board Member

- Melissa Miller, Board Member
- ECI State Board Members
- Public Participants via Public Comment Period

Agenda Topic and Items

9:00am – Welcome/Introductions

- Lead: Emily Westergaard
- Alignment: Information Item – Goal 1

Consent Agenda

- Agenda for today's meeting
- Approval of minutes from June 6, 2025, meeting
- Administrative update
- Lead: Emily Westergaard
- Alignment: Action Item – Goal 1

9:10am – Public Comment (limit of 2 minutes per person)

- Lead: Emily Westergaard
- Alignment: Information Item – Goal 1

9:25am – Ideal State of Early Intervention and Support

- Context, pathways towards family stability
- Leads: Dr. Shelley Horak, Director of Early Intervention and Support
- Alignment: Information Item- Goals 1,2,3,4,5

9:40am – Early Childhood Iowa Action Planning

- Context, reestablishing shared goals, focused conversation on current reality, commitments, and key action towards success for children and families
- Leads: Amanda Winslow, Unity Stevens, Melissa Miller
- Alignment: Information Item – Goals 1,2,3,4,5

11:40am – Tool U

- Adjustments to expand dates for flexibility
- Lead: Amanda Winslow

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- Alignment: Action Items – Goal 1

12:00pm - Adjourn

- Next Meeting: November 7, 2025 (9:00am-12:00pm)
- Reminder of 2025 ECI State Board Meetings: Jan 3, Mar 7, Jun 6, Sept 5, Nov 7
- Proposed 2026 ECI State Board Meetings: Jan 9, Mar 6, Jun 5, Sept 4, Nov 6
- Lead: Emily Westergaard
- Alignment: Action Item