

# Dept. of Children, Youth & Families

## Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT) Program

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### February State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) Virtual Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021

Time: 9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

#### Welcome | SICC Chair Darci Ladwig

- Brian Frisina, DCYF ESIT Tribal Consultant, acknowledged and gave gratitude for being on ancestral territories.
- Members reviewed and approved the October and January minutes, and the February Agenda
- Farewell to SICC Member Maryanne Barnes

#### Accessibility Micro-Training: Descriptive Introductions | Janet George, SICC

Janet George shared on universal accessibility and instructed the group on how to give descriptive introductions. The purpose was understanding, accessibility, and inclusivity for those with disabilities and how it benefits everyone. Janet gave useful tips and examples of how to be mindful and achieve this. Using breakout rooms, SICC and audience members practiced describing themselves in a way that was accessible for all to see. Janet closed by expressing everyone has access needs that should be acknowledged and respected.

Adrienne O'Brien introduces Special Project Coordinator, Ciara Saalfeld to ESIT & DCYF

#### Parent Stories: ESIT Services | PIE Members & Angel Fettig, PhD

Members of the Parent Institute for Engagement (PIE), Julie German-Murry and Monica Heinberg, each shared their personal stories of having children enrolled in ESIT services during the pandemic. They elaborated on overcoming adversities brought on by the interruption of services due to the pandemic. They expressed the importance of continuity of care that is vital to their families. They express the services are invaluable to their children during these crucial years.

SICC Rep. Angel Fettig, PhD shared parent and provider perspectives regarding receipt and service delivery during the pandemic gathered from survey.

Angel reports findings of barriers include, language barriers, parental competence, future services, and parent coaching to support. Angels explains how services have been impacted do to the pandemic and, how the program is currently considering how to immediately and, in the future, better support children and their families.

#### Indicator C3: Child Outcomes Data Analysis by Race & Ethnicity | D-SAT Team

The DCYF ESIT Data Systems & Analysis Team shared additional race and ethnicity analyses on Indicator C3 – Child Outcomes. Shane Kolle, ESIT Data Analyst, reported on child outcomes by race and ethnicities; Asian, Black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Two or More Races, and White, on A. Positive social-emotional skills, B. Acquisition and use of knowledge and C. Use of appropriate behaviors to meet their needs. These were compared by Statewide, Variances, SS1, and SS2.



## Public Comment

Audience shared comments and feedback on the data analysis.

## Lunch Break

## State Agency Reports & Committee Updates

This is an opportunity for SICC state agency representatives to share insights, request advice/assistance from the council, and make announcements of upcoming events/activities. The SICC committee chairs will also move motions and/or make recommendations to the council.

Discussion of the need for funds for providers and the need for the ESIT office to retain the dollars was had. Laurie Thomas stated building and supporting ESIT infrastructure and, supporting providers were equally important.

Several members abstained and requested more information before voting.

It was recommended to revise the motion in a way it could support both areas to be passed.

**Amended Motion:** Given the importance of the total child package and the infrastructure needs of the provider organizations the finance committee recommends that DCYF/ESIT pass through any increase in the Part C federal FFY21-22 allocate equitably directly to providers. **Motion passed.**

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## Evaluation & Wrap Up

Members had an opportunity to share their input and make recommendations for future meetings..

## Next SICC Meeting: Wednesday, April 21, 2021 | Virtual

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**Members present:** Darci Ladwig, Jen Cole, E Renae` Antalan, Cindy Carroll, Maryanne Barnes, Mary Clive-Stively, Michelle LaMotte, Lisa Greenwald, Angel Fettig, Evelyn Perez, Janet George, Sarah Burdette, Shellea Quillen, Ryan Guzman, Karen Huber, Magan Cromar, LTC. Daniel Tolson, MD., and Laurie Thomas **Members Absent:** Katrina King, Sugely Sanchez

## Additional Resources:

[Rooted in Rights – Making meetings and events accessible to the disability community](#)

[Level Access - series on Making Communications Accessible for remote audiences](#)

[Methods for Assessing Racial/Ethnic Disproportionality in Special Education: A Technical Assistance Guide \(Revised\)](#)