

August 2021 SICC Agenda

July 2021 SICC Minutes

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Department of Children, Youth & Families

Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT) Program

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) | Virtual Meeting

Date: Wednesday, Oct 20, 2021

Time: 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

[Zoom Link](#)

Role & Purpose

In order to carry out its mission, the Council shall advise and assist the State Lead Agency, and the other participating state agencies, on a broad range of policy and coordination issues. The SICC will promote an appreciation for the needs of children that have or are at risk for developmental delays or disabilities and will gain an understanding of the services required to address those needs.

Group Agreements

- State your name each time you speak
- Speak slowly– this helps our note-taker and interpreters
- Avoid using acronyms and jargon
- Be patient with one another as we practice Robert’s Rules of Order
- Zoom Do’s and Don’ts (Will)
- For Technical Assistance, please text Will Moncrease, Jr. at 564-999-0449
will.moncrease@dcyf.wa.gov.

Agenda

9-9:30 a.m. | Welcome & Introductions | SICC Vice Chair E Renae` Antalan

Welcome members, review and approve previous meeting minutes and today’s agenda. North Carolina State Conference closing keynote panel invitation. Strategies for Success: Laying the Foundation for Innovative Family Engagement and Child Find Activities. Invitees include: E Renae’ Antalan, Darci Ladwig, Kat King, Will Moncrease, Vanessa Allen.

9:30-9:50 a.m. | Micro-Training:

This is an opportunity for the SICC and audience members to continue learning about accessibility and ways to make meetings accessible for all.

9:50 – 10 a.m. | Break

10 – 10:50 a.m. | Parent Stories: ESIT Services & PIE Introduction (Cohort 4)

PIE members will share their experience with receiving ESIT services during the COVID-19 pandemic with the council. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain additional insights.



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10:50 – 11 a.m. | Break

11 a.m. – 11:50 a.m. | Engaging parents with dual-family IFSPs (CHERISH)

Presenters: Jennifer Gears & Mara Calhoun

When parents of children with active Child Welfare dependencies are included in ESIT services, they have a unique opportunity to learn about their child's development. Additionally, ESIT services are more effective and can provide healing for families when caregivers and parents are both engaged. For several years, the CHERISH program has gained knowledge and experience providing dual-family ESIT services. In this presentation, CHERISH staff will share lessons learned and recommendations for a more inclusive approach to IFSP services.

11:50 – 12 p.m. | Public Comment

This time is set aside for the audience to state comments and share feedback on topics discussed in the morning. If the individual providing comment would like their comment to be included in the meeting minutes, they must provide a written summary to the SICC Chair Darci Ladwig zoeandmomma@gmail.com.

12 – 12:30 p.m. | Lunch Break

12:30 -12:50 p.m. Legislative updates from Government Affairs Office

Biden's proposed budget, any updates prior to leg session

12:50 p.m. – 1:50 p.m. Agency 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.

1:50 - 2 p.m. Break

2 – 2:15 Legislative Engagement Action Forum (LEAF) update – Lance Morehouse

2:15– 2:40 p.m. Committee Updates

The SICC committee chairs will share updates through written quarterly reports, move motions and/or make recommendations to the council.

2:40 - 2:50 p.m. Public Comment

This time is set aside for the audience to state comments and share feedback on the SICC meeting overall. If the individual providing comment would like their comment to be included in the meeting minutes, they must provide a written summary to the SICC Chair Darci Ladwig zoeandmomma@gmail.com.

2:50 – 3:30 p.m. | Evaluation & Wrap Up

Members will have an opportunity to share their input on the day and make recommendations for future meeting topics.

Next SICC Meeting:

Wednesday, January 19, 2022 | Virtual

Department of Children, Youth & Families

Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT) Program

July State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) | Virtual Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, July 21, 2021

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Welcome | SICC Vice Chair E Renae Antalan

- Valerie Arnold, ESIT Strategic Innovations Administrator, acknowledged and gave gratitude for being on ancestral territories.
- Members reviewed the February minutes and the July Agenda.
- Discussion of Chair transition plan. Introduction of new ESIT Partnership & Collaboration Manager, Will Moncrease.

Micro-Training: How to Make Meetings More Accessible (Vanessa Allen & Jahla Brown)

Vanessa Allen and Jahla Brown reviewed ways to make meetings more accessible for all with companion materials. SICC and audience members had the opportunity to continue learning about accessibility.

Break 9:48 AM – 10:00 AM

Parent Stories: ESIT Services (Focus on Rural Families' Stories) (Vanessa Allen)

Peter George and Lori Osburne share their experience with receiving ESIT services during the COVID-19 pandemic. Both families shared moments to give council additional insights on their struggles and successes. Laurie thanked parents for sharing.

COVID-19/Vaccination (Dr. Deborah Fuller)

Dr. Deborah Fuller, Professor, Department of Microbiology, University of Washington, School of Medicine presented the latest information on COVID-19 variants and vaccine types. Fuller explained how vaccines worked, gave more information on social distancing, masks efficiency, new variants and transmission.

PIE Graduation (Vanessa Allen)

Vanessa Allen gave a brief background on the 12-month PIE Program. Allen shared how graduates devoted their time to learn topics, such as SICC, and take leadership trainings such as PAVE. She introduced them and congratulated them for their accomplishments. Parents shared how the program benefited and supported them, allowed them to network, learn leadership qualities, and gave them better understanding of birth to three. Laurie extended her gratitude to program and to graduates.

Lunch Break



SICC Committee Updates

The SICC committee chairs will share updates, move motions and/or make recommendations to the council. Sarah Burdette shared continuing foundations work health, equity, improving awareness, family based focused groups, and improving connections. Magan Cromar gave a brief year in review and American Rescue Plan Part 3 changes, "Receiving a Part C grant may establish a system of payments but may not include in that system family fees or out-of-pocket costs to families for early intervention services." Laurie and Tatsuko shared on recent work groups, stating there was tremendous support with referral sources.

Lisa Greenwald approved motion. Cindy Carol seconded the motion.

Finance Committee Motion: Public policy and finance committees track and respond to the potential impact to funding and insurance billing for Part C services that may be caused by the no out-of-pocket concept. ESIT engage their DCYF lobbyist to advocate on behalf of Washington State Part C providers and connect directly with our federal and state representatives to ensure adequate funding and protect our ability to still be able to bill insurance and Medicaid. **Motion passed.**

Public Comment

Audience shared comments and feedback.

Evaluation & Wrap Up

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

Next SICC Meeting:

Wednesday, October 20, 2021 | Virtual

State Interagency Coordinating Council Committee Report

Choose an item.

Date: 10/14/2021

DCYF ESIT Staff Liaison: Vanessa Allen

of Members: 9

Recruiting: No Yes

If yes, please describe type of membership recruiting for (i.e. parents, providers, region, etc.):

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of Meetings Since Last SICC: 1

Topics Covered: Overview of PIE, training with Kindering, "How to Tell Your Story with a Purpose." Chair and vice chair came in and spoke to PIE about SICC and agenda.

Committee Progress to Date: We have selected nine individuals for the Parent Institute of Engagement (PIE): Cohort 4. These members represent different counties across Washington State, including King, Island, Kitsap, Spokane, Pierce and Thurston.

One PIE member spoke during an FRC training and spoke about their journey while receiving Birth to 3 services.

Committee Challenges or Obstacles: N/A

Recommendations to the Council, if any: N/A

Motion #1: Write as a motion

Motion #2: Write as a motion

Motion #3: Write as a motion



State Interagency Coordinating Council Committee Report

Finance Committee Report

Date: 10/21/2021

Chair/Vice Chair: Magan Cromar (Chair) and Alicia Skelly (Vice Chair)

DCYF ESIT Staff Liaison: Val Arnold and Noel Parrish

of Members: 13 members

Recruiting: No Yes

If yes, please describe type of membership recruiting for (i.e. parents, providers, region, etc.):
Not applicable.

of Meetings Since Last SICC held on July 21, 2021: 3 Meetings: August 30, 2021; September 8, 2021 (Joint Meeting with SICC Public Policy Committee); September 13, 2021; October 11, 2021 (Re-scheduling for October 25, 2021)

Topics Covered: The topics addressed across all three meetings (two regular and one combined session) include the Final Estimates for Turn-Back and True-Up Calculations for State Special Education 0-3 Funding; Priority Areas and Potential Use of IDEA Part C American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding; Expanded Medicaid Billing Plan (standing topic); and Follow-Up Debriefing on Status of Special Conditions Proposed by President Biden's Budget Proposal.

Committee Progress to Date: Members reviewed an update on the true-Up calculations for the State Special Education 0-3 Funding, noting that the total funds allocated included cash disbursement, liquidations, and billing adjustments. The Expanded Medicaid Billing Initiative will require a project manager --- ESIT State Leadership Office will be looking for a vendor with programmatic content knowledge. Clarifications were discussed related to use of state and/or federal funds to pay for co-pays/co-insurance/deductibles, specifically noting current contracts with insurance companies require that the consumer be directly billed; of particular importance is the complexities (type of agency, years of experience, personnel statistics, etcetera) of negotiating individual contracts with the insurance companies. An overview for GACE leaders of the potential impacts of President Biden's budget proposal in its original form was provided by the membership which highlighted primary concerns centered on potential loss of revenue from third party insurance billing if the current System of Payments and Fees no longer included family cost participation provisions. Committee members reviewed and discussed the content of the Summary Response to Request for Historical Data. The data fields requested are intended to provide data to consider whether or not the proposed 50% increase in federal funding would offset or neutralize the potential loss of revenue from parent fees, should the special conditions outlined in President Biden's budget proposal be approved. Key discussion points centered on the comparison of child count and enrollment growth to incremental increases in federal funding between 2013 and 2020. Data reflecting inflation rates was also briefly discussed.

Committee Challenges or Obstacles: None at this time.

Motion(s): None at this time.



State Interagency Coordinating Council Committee Report

Choose an item.

Date: 10/11/2021

Chair/Vice Chair: ERena Antalan/ Lisa Greenwald

DCYF ESIT Staff Liaison: Kim Hopkins

of Members: 9

Recruiting: No Yes

If yes, please describe type of membership recruiting for (i.e. parents, providers, region, etc.):

Parent representatives, Early Intervention Providers from East side of state, School District Representative, Tribal Representative

of Meetings Since Last SICC: 3 and 1 joint meeting with Finance Committee

Topics Covered: DMS Migration, APR Target setting, ESIT Fast Facts, Revisit Mission and Vision Statement

Committee Progress to Date: Data Committee provided feedback on design and content of ESIT Fast Facts, assisted with APR Target setting for FFY20-25, revisited the committee's mission and vision statement

Committee Challenges or Obstacles: Recruiting additional members

Recommendations to the Council, if any:

Motion #1: Write as a motion

Motion #2: Write as a motion

Motion #3: Write as a motion



State Interagency Coordinating Council Committee Report

Choose an item.

Date: 7/5/2021

Chair/Vice Chair: Ryan Guzman-Chair, Jana Burk-Vice Chair

DCYF ESIT Staff Liaison: Tatsuko Go Hollo

of Members: 5

Recruiting: No Yes

If yes, please describe type of membership recruiting for (i.e. parents, providers, region, etc.):

We are actively recruiting for service delivery providers, FRCs, Medical Providers, family representatives, westside representatives (ex: south, southwest, king county)

of Meetings Since Last SICC: 2

Topics Covered: COVID-19 Re-entry to in-person services, Part C to B Transition Update, Interagency Agreement Updates, Service Delivery Committee Recruitment Update, School registration and Part B enrollment

Committee Progress to Date: Reevaluation of committee representation, onboarding and long term planning, defining committee intent, and intersectionality of SDC with other SICC committees.

Committee Challenges or Obstacles: Committee attrition due to a variety of circumstances

Recommendations to the Council, if any:

Motion #1: Write as a motion

Motion #2: Write as a motion

Motion #3: Write as a motion



State Interagency Coordinating Council Committee Report

Personnel & Training Committee Report

Date: 10/5/2021

Chair/Vice Chair: Angel Fettig

DCYF ESIT Staff Liaison: Adrienne O'Brien

of Members: 9

Recruiting: No Yes

If yes, please describe type of membership recruiting for (i.e. parents, providers, region, etc.):

We are currently working on recruitment materials to determine specific member types to recruit for.

of Meetings Since Last SICC: 1

Topics Covered: Moving forward with the development of an ESIT credential and the necessary adjustments to the committee and workgroups needed to accomplish the work.

Committee Progress to Date: We have met with committee and associated workgroup members to discuss membership and provide an overview of the ESIT credential work moving forward. There was discussion about what type of membership we should recruit for.

Committee Challenges or Obstacles: NA

Recommendations to the Council, if any:

Motion #1: Write as a motion

Motion #2: Write as a motion

Motion #3: Write as a motion



State Interagency Coordinating Council Committee Report

Choose an item.

Date: 10/12/2021

Chair/Vice Chair: Darci Ladwig, E Renae` Antalan

DCYF ESIT Staff Liaison: Will Moncrease, Jr.

of Members: 5

Recruiting: No Yes

If yes, please describe type of membership recruiting for (i.e. parents, providers, region, etc.):

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of Meetings Since Last SICC: 1

Topics Covered: October SICC Agenda

Committee Progress to Date: Complete

Committee Challenges or Obstacles: None

Recommendations to the Council, if any: None

Motion #1: Write as a motion

Motion #2: Write as a motion

Motion #3: Write as a motion



OSPI Updates

- The U.S. Department of Education's Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services (OSERS) released a Q&A entitled the [*Return to School Roadmap: Development and Implementation of Individualized Education Programs in the Least Restrictive Environment under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.*](#)
- **Notice of Final Rulemaking for Chapter 392-172A Washington Administrative Code (WAC):**
 - The final regulations, with some notable exceptions, go into effect on October 15, 2021.
 - The exceptions to the October 15 effective date are WAC Section 392-172A-01035 concerning the definition of a student with a disability/student eligible for special education services and WAC Sections 392-172A-02076, -02105, and -02110 concerning conditions and prohibitions on the use of restraint and isolation, and the use of Emergency Response Protocol. The effective date for these sections is January 1, 2022.
 - Questions regarding the adoption of these final regulations and the effective dates can be directed to the OSPI Special Education office at 360-725-6075 or speced@k12.wa.us.

SEAC Updates:

It is Disability History and Awareness Month (RCW 28A.230.158) and it takes place annually during the month of October to increase awareness, respect, and acceptance for people with disabilities, and to bring a greater sense of pride to people with disabilities. As a companion to content across this monthly update related to disability history and awareness, check out this [compilation of disability history and awareness resources](#).

SEAC members are participating in the Special Education State Design Team. To learn more and to get involved, you can complete the [Invitation to Serve: 2021-22 Special Education State Design Team](#) or email the special education Program Improvement Team at WISM@k12.wa.us.

SEAC hopes to schedule a joint meeting with SICC sometime this year, if possible! Here is our schedule for upcoming meetings.

Upcoming SEAC Meetings

October 26-27, 2021 (virtual only-link will be provided closer to event)

January 20, 2022 (virtual only-link will be provided closer to event)

February 22-23, 2022 (virtual only-link will be provided closer to event)

May 24-25, 2022 (in person & virtual-link will be provided closer to event; location to be determined)

Also, If you are interested in being considered a member of the SEAC, please complete a SEAC member application and mail it along with a current resume' to: OSPI-Special Education, SEAC Executive Assistant, PO Box 47200, Olympia, WA 98504-7200, or email it to SEAC at speced@k12.wa.us.