

Department of Children, Youth & Families

Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT) Program

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

Date: Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Time: 9 a.m. – 1:23 p.m.

Welcome | SICC Vice Chair E Renae Antalan

- E Renae Antalan, SICC Vice Chair, welcomed attendees then explained rules and expectations. Brian Frisina acknowledged the ancestral territories. Will Moncrease, Jr. gave a brief overview zoom micro training.
- Members reviewed the July minutes and the October Agenda. Lisa Greenwald moved to approve items. Megan Cromar seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
- Darci Ladwig, SICC Chair, thanked panel for participation.
- E Renae Antalan, SICC Vice Chair, shared the impact of ESIT services with heartfelt speech and sphere as visual representation.

Break 9:50 AM – 10:00 AM

10:00 AM – 10:50 AM | Parent Stories: ESIT Services (Vanessa Allen)

Vanessa Allen, Family Engagement Coordinator, introduced parents with children who receive ESIT services. Parents shared their experiences, challenges, areas of growth, and process. Laurie Thomas thanked each parent for sharing and asked for any feedback. Parents shared appreciation for program, adapting through the pandemic to serve families, and for the opportunity to share their stories.

- Question for PIE: Advice from parents: What works? What changes to services should be made?
- Question for PIE: How can a family access PIE? Is it a program that is accessible to working parents, and if so, what is the time commitment?

Break 10:50 AM – 11:00 AM

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

Jennifer Gears & Mara Calhoun, with [CHERISH](#), gave recommendations for a more inclusive approach to IFSP services, and presented on parent involvement in their child's ESIT services; to honor relationships as part of child wellbeing and the respect parents' legal rights. Their training program model gives an infant mental health lens to services to also support infant mental wellness. Members asked questions to gain more insight on accessing CHERISH services and were provided resources.



- Practical Training for Doing the Work. Training not yet available to those outside of the ESIT system.
- [ESIT parent guidance document](#)
- [ESIT parent guidance video](#)
- cherish@kinding.org

11:50 PM – 12:00 PM | Public Comment

Audience asked questions to gain more insight on access in relation to current and future needs.

Lunch 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

12:30 PM – 12:40 PM | Legislative Updates from Government Affairs Office

Laurie Thomas, ESIT Program Administrator, gave ESIT update and shared on Biden’s proposed budget.

12:40 PM – 1:00 PM | Agency Updates & Committee Updates

SICC state agency representatives share insights from the council and make announcements of upcoming events.

Committee Updates

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

Jen Chong-Jewell, SEAC

Ryan Guzman, OSPI

Sara Burdette, DOH

Beth Krehbiel, DSHS

Cindy Carroll, Children’s Village

Legislative Engagement Action Form (LEAF) Update

Tabled for next meeting February 16, 2022.

Public Comment

Audience shared comments and feedback.

Evaluation & Wrap Up

Members share input and recommendations for future meeting.

Next SICC Meeting:

Wednesday, January 19, 2021 | Virtual