

Department of Children, Youth & Families

Early Support for Infants & Toddlers Program

Quarterly State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) | Virtual Meeting

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Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

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.
- Teams’ Do’s and Don’ts (E Renae`)
- For Technical Assistance, please text E Renae` Antalan at 360.280.1743, or email at erenae.antalan@dcyf.wa.gov.

Agenda

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9:00 a.m. - 9:20 a.m. | Welcome, Roll Call & Introductions | SICC Chair Danna Summers

Welcome members, confirm quorum status, review and approve previous meeting minutes and today’s agenda.

9:20 a.m. - 9:40 a.m. | Parent Stories: ESIT Services & PIE Introduction (Cohort 7)

Families will share their experience with receiving ESIT services and offer suggestions/recommendations for continuous improvement. Members will have an opportunity to ask reflective questions and gain additional insights.



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9:40 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. | Planning for A Bright Future in Early Support | Judy King, Director of Family & Community Support. Judy will provide an update on themes from community forums and the next steps.

10:10 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. | Transition Break

10:20 a.m. -11:40 a.m. | CHERISH™ | Julie Fisher, Program Director | Terreca DeFehr, Parent Engagement Advisor

CHERISH will give a brief program overview and then share recent updates. Then, a brief video will be shared that demonstrates the amount of people and systems that are part of a family's life when they are involved in a child welfare dependency. The rest of the presentation will give participants a chance to hear from a panel of five people who have been impacted by the CHERISH model: a parent and the CHERISH-trained infant mental health therapist from Kinderling who worked with him; two child welfare social workers; and a direct service provider from Holly Ridge Center who has experienced all levels of CHERISH training and technical support.

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Terreca DeFehr, CHERISH™ Parent Engagement Advisor—

As a parent who has navigated the child welfare system, Terreca DeFehr focuses attention on the complexities of the historically marginalized parent experience. In her position on the CHERISH team at Kinderling, Terreca shares her personal and professional experience--offering insight for providers who want to improve their work with parents and families. She challenges the cultural norms and often-overlooked biases and stigma that limit parent engagement. Terreca holds in mind "whenever we share or hear another humans' suffering, our feelings and thoughts can be evoked," and therefore centers the importance of reflection and self-compassion. Terreca is invested in building community and connections and in guiding early support providers toward authentic and empathetic relationships with the families they serve.

Julie Fisher, CHERISH™ Program Director—

Julie has been a part of the CHERISH Program for almost 19 years. She is a licensed clinical social worker and is endorsed as an IECMH Clinical Mentor. She has spoken about the CHERISH model at SICC meetings in the past and is excited to bring updates and to connect with everyone on 4/16. She has immense passion for the power of relationships as vehicles for healing and is dedicated to breaking down barriers and fully centering children and families in early support work. She trains others on early relational health and in working alongside the child welfare system.

11:40 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Transition Break

11:45 a.m. – 11:55 a.m. | SICC Member Spotlight Mustapha Kebbeh, Chief Program Officer, Kinderling

Mustapha serves as the Chief Programs Officer for Kinderling. He will share highlights of his career, and his passions and aspirations. Council members may ask reflective questions.

11:55 p.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Public Comment



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Chair to Read Aloud:

All regular meetings of the Washington State Interagency Coordinating Council are open to the public. The public is encouraged to attend and may give comment only during the designated public comment time frame on the agenda. The Washington State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) can be addressed on any matter relating to provision of services under Part C of IDEA, but only during the public comment portion of the meeting. Please be aware that SICC will not engage in an open discussion but may have a clarifying question related to the public comment shared.

Public comment should not contain confidential or personally identifiable information unless it belongs to the speaker. When it is time for Public Comment, the Chair will ask who is interested in participating in Public Comment. At that time, please let the Chair know of your desire to make comment. You will be called on when it is your turn. Each participant will have three (3) to five (5) minutes for remarks. If the comment is longer than five minutes, the Chair has the responsibility to stop the speaker, and move forward with the next person.

If the individual providing comment would like their comment to be included in the meeting minutes, they must provide a written summary to the Community Collaboration Coordinator, E Renae` Antalan erenae.antalan@dcyf.wa.gov. If there is no one interested in giving public comment, the agenda will move forward to the next item on the agenda.

12 00p.m. -12:30 p.m. | Lunch

12:30 p.m. -12:50 p.m. | ESIT Caseload Forecast Council Update | Paula Moore or Designee

The Washington State Caseload Forecast Council is responsible for forecasting the number of children on the ESIT Caseload. The forecast included in the formula used by the legislative and OFM fiscal staff to determine the program's appropriation.

12:50 p.m. -1:40 p.m. | Agency Updates | Committee Updates

This is an opportunity for SICC State Agency Representatives to share agency information and insights, request advice/assistance from the Council, and make announcements of upcoming events/activities.

- State Education Agency (OSPI) Representative
- Department of Social & Health Services Representative
- Department of Services for the Blind Representative
- Department of Health Representative
- Health Care Authority Representative
- Office of the Insurance Commissioner Representative
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Representative
- State Lead Agency (DCYF) Representative
- Military Representative



Next, SICC Sub-Committee Chairs/Vice Chairs share highlights from written Quarterly Sub-Committee Reports and move motions, if applicable.

- Public Policy Chair
 - Second Read: Proposed Amendments to SICC Bylaws
- Finance Committee Chair
 - JOINT MOTION – to form an ad hoc workgroup with representatives from each SICC-Subcommittee, in partnership with the ESIT state leadership team, to engage in contingency planning for sustaining services, should we experience budgetary or policy changes.
 - Alicia Skelly, retiring Vice Chair, will discuss the importance of serving on the SICC Sub-Committees
- Personnel & Training Committee Chair
- Service Delivery Chair
- Data Committee Chair
- Parent Institute for Engagement Chair

1:40 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | DCYF Family Separation Response Task Force | Task Force Administrator

An overview of the purpose of the Task Force, scope of work, and update on their next steps.

2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m. | Stretch Break

2:10 p.m. - 2:40 p.m. | Leading Through Federal & State Transitions | Valerie Arnold

Intended to create space for meaningful dialogue, Council members will have the opportunity to identify issues, concerns, or opportunities related to transitional directives or topics that may impact services to children and their families.

2:40 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. | Public Comments

This time is set aside for the audience to share comments and 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 Community Collaboration Coordinator, E Renae` Antalan erenae.antalan@dcyf.wa.gov.

2:45 -3:00 p.m. | Evaluation & Wrap Up | SICC Chair Danna Summers

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

Next SICC Meetings:

Wednesday, July 16, 2025, | Virtual 9 a.m-3 p.m.

Wednesday, October 15, 2025, | Virtual 9 a.m. 3 p.m.

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, | Virtual 9 a.m.-Noon

Wednesday, February 18, 2025, Virtual 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, | Virtual 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

