



IOWA COUNCIL FOR EARLY ACCESS

May 10, 2024
9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Iowa Department of Education
Grimes State Office Building, ICN Room
400 E. 14th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319
[Agenda](#)

Iowa Council for Early ACCESS Call to Order: Annette Hyde called the Iowa Council for Early ACCESS (ICEA) to order at 9:31 a.m., May 10th, 2024

Council Members Present: Michael Bergan, Abby Peterson, Michael Bergen, Jess Burger, Annette Hyde, Peg Macek (virtual), Julie Jones (virtual), McKaylee Heuton (virtual), Aaron Cronk (virtual), Tonya Weber (virtual)

Council Members Absent: Karen Thompson, Roxanne Warder

Guests: Jamie Vanderlinden

Early ACCESS Staff Present: Kate Small, Tonya Krueger, Dee Waddell, Meghan Miller, Kimberly Villotti

Approval of Minutes: February 9th, 2024. Kimberly Villotti made a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Aaron Cronk. The minutes were approved.

Family Story: (I was making copies so I missed this)

Data; C3 Early Childhood Outcomes (ECO) data. Kate Small gave an overview of Early Childhood Outcomes data. She emphasized that it takes up 50% of our determination score data so it is a big indicator. This data was recently submitted to OSEP. She discussed the three main outcomes and the creation and implementation of the ECO Decision Tree. The scores from the ECO data is then used to create projection trajectories. Once the outcomes are reviewed, summary statements are drafted and the data is reviewed. Outcome B: SS2 shows a large 7% of growth that can be attributed to the work with integration of ACHIEVE as well as professional development.

Peg Macek asked if there was any data related to age of entry? Kate clarified that they can only monitor data for children who have been in the program for at least six months.

Kate then discussed the FFY2022 exit data reasoning. The most popular reason for existing is that a child now is eligible for Part B, followed by exit for other programs.

Meghan Miller discussed the Early Intervention funnel and shared the data. Some of the data included; 9,412 referred, 4,576 evaluated, 3,831 eligible for Part C, 3,535 enrolled in Part C, and 840 exited and eligible for Part B.

She then explored referral source data in more detail and shared the process of checking and sorting CAPTA data.

CAPTA (Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act) and EHD (Early Hearing Detection and Intervention) Referrals: Abby Peterson from the Department of Health and Human Services



discussed the data that they pulled from the ACHIEVE system to look at the overlap of kids who were referred/on and IFSP and how it correlates with the abused and neglected children in the Iowa Foster Care System. She reviewed the number of children in foster care on IFSPs by DHS Service area from FY18-FY23 and the downward trend on how that number has reduced.

Tonya Kreuger mentioned that even though many families in this situation end up having Early Access as part of their care plan, some may be referred through and encouraged by other venues and to keep this in mind.

Meghan also gave a brief overview of the data system that DHS uses to determine a child's current status and the process for referrals.

DMS: Differentiated Monitoring and Supports: Dee Waddell shared that Iowa is in the Discovery Phase for Iowa's Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) DMS visit coming in September. Mid-April Iowa DE staff met with the OSEP team at the end of April Iowa submitted our Part C Document Request.

Dee shared a portion of Iowa's Part C Document Request document with the Council and highlighted some of the documents that were submitted to OSEP in the areas of Fiscal, Data, Child Find.

Funding in Part C: Iowa is a "birth mandate" state. Therefore, Part C is provided at no cost to families. Iowa's Early ACCESS is funded with federal IDEA grant funding (92/3) and state appropriated funding for birth to three services (1/3).

Kimberly Villotti went over some of the fiscal management responsibilities of the council. She gave an overview of the funding and budget. She noted that Part C and Early ACCESS services are funded both federally and state funded, Federal Grant funding has an annual application completed in spring with a final submission in August. This is the primary source of our funding at \$5,017,031 State funding is an annual appropriation made by the Iowa Legislature at \$1,721,400. These statistics are based on last year's budget as their current allocations have not been released yet.

Signatory Agency Updates:

Child Health Specialty Clinic:

Peg Macek stated that CHSC will also be participating in the Title V surveys. She also stated that CHSC continues to refine the process on medicaid reimbursement and that this is a work in progress. She also updated the Family Navigator position was piloted in Keystone AEA and it has since been expanded and piloted to Grant Wood AEA. University of Iowa has new branding for their healthcare that will replace the previous ones.

Department of Education:

Kimberly Villotti noted that the council received an inquiry that there was a belief that there was more state funding coming to Part C than there actually was. Several people reached out regarding this. She noted that if you receive a message about this, it is in error.

She also stated that the Department is working to construct and staff a Special Education Division, this includes new positions at the DE.

Department of Health and Human Services:



Meghan Miller added that HHS is sending out a survey for their Title V needs assessment. Title V supports their developmental screening. The survey is aimed to see how HHS supports the performance measures towards children and pregnant women by gathering public information.

Kate Small noted that calendar invites have been sent out for the 24/25 and to be on the lookout for those invitations and asked members to respond for their availability on those dates. They will also send out a notice about officer positions later in the summer.

Adjourn: Annette Hyde adjourned the ICEA meeting at 1:16 pm. The next meeting will Friday, Sept. 27, 2024.