



June 28, 2023  
ECRC Advisory Council Meeting



## Welcome

Please share your name, organization and title in the chat.



# Agenda

1. Welcome
2. ECRC Executive Committee Updates
3. Smart Start Illinois/Spring 2023 Legislative Session
4. Partner Updates
  - Carrie Comer-Yates - Chicago Public Schools
  - Edna Navarro - Birth to Five
  - Sandy De Leon - CELWS
  - Serah Fatani - CECIDS and CELFE
5. Closing Remarks
6. Adjourn



## ECRC Executive Committee Members



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**DR. CARRIE COMER-YATES**

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**EDNA NAVARRO-VIDAURRE**

Birth to Five



**REY GONZALEZ**

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**LILIANA VELAZQUEZ**

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**TALIBAH MOORE**

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**LISA RADCLIFFE**

Parent



**MYKELA COLLINS**

Parent



# ECRC Executive Committee

**The Executive Committee has met twice to focus on operationalizing the body.**

**Thus far, they have discussed:**

- Primary functions of ECRC Advisory Council and how to operationalize them
- Rules of engagement as an Executive Committee





# ECRC Executive Committee

## **Below was ECRC's goal under the previous administration:**

Co-design a strategic plan for implementation of a strong system that ensures equitable access to quality services and positive outcomes for all children.

## **How we plan it establish new goals:**

- Review the new Mayoral transition plan
- Develop a crosswalk of existing work with the new initiatives for alignment
- Identify work of various working groups to feed into the crosswalk
- Formulate priority subcommittees



# ECRC Executive Committee

**The Executive Committee is meeting next to define goals.**

**We are looking for materials to review regarding the early childhood education and care landscape prior to the call. If you have materials to share, please drop them into this [Google Folder](#) by July 7th.**

1. Materials related to policy
2. Resources that others should be aware of (funding streams, grant application, programming)
3. Documents, policy agendas, work plans that articulate priorities, etc that other stakeholders have





# **Illinois Spring 2023 Legislative Session**

FY24 State Budget + new laws

ECRC Executive Committee  
June 15, 2023



## What is Smart Start Illinois?

- Announced in February 2023, Smart Start Illinois is Governor JB Pritzker's multi-year plan to make Illinois the best state in the nation in which to raise young children
- FY24: first year of the plan
- The Pritzker administration proposed historic funding increases to the state's early care and education system with the creation of a child care compensation contract program



# FY 24 State Budget

Item	Proposed (February 2023)	Approved (Spring 2023)	Change from FY23 to FY24
Early Childhood Block Grant (ISBE)	\$75 Million	\$75 Million	12.5%
Evidence-based home visiting (IDHS)	\$5 Million	\$5 Million	27.9%
Child Care (IDHS)	\$200 Million	\$170 Million	41.4%
Early Intervention (IDHS)	\$40 Million	\$40 Million	34.5%
Early Childhood Construction Grants	\$100 Million	\$50 Million	
Early Childhood Inclusion Supports	Not Proposed	\$5 Million	



## Impact on Chicago from Early Childhood Block Grant (ECBG) Increase

- Smart Start includes a \$75 million (12.5%) increase in state funding to ECBG
- By law, CPS receives 37% of total ECBG allocation for use in the city of Chicago
  - Typically, CPS keeps 60% and passes 40% onto DFSS to fund community-based programs
- **CPS to receive approximately \$27.75 million in FY24**
  - CPS = \$16.7 million
  - DFSS: \$11.1 million
- 25% of new dollars must go to services for children 0-3, per law



## Other Notable Legislative Activity From This Session

- **HB3817** Makes permanent the current income eligibility threshold for CCAP at 225% FPL
- **SB1794** Establishes in law existing IDHS home visiting programs
- **SB2390** Extends the current staffing flexibility that allows EC educators with a Level 5 Gateways to Opportunity credential to teach in a PFA classroom, granted they are working to secure their teaching license, for an additional 5 years
- **HB2396** Requires each school board to establish a developmentally appropriate full-day kindergarten program by the 2027-28 school year



## CPS-CBO Pilot Program

The Vision of the Pilot Program is to ensure ongoing collaboration between CPS and HS that results in a path toward service delivery in the community-based setting, ultimately minimizing transitions by eliminating the need for transportation within the school day.





# Reimagining

Our goal is to reimagine the **inclusive special education service delivery model** for students with disabilities (ages 3-5) who are dually enrolled in Community-Based Head Start Programs and Chicago Public Schools.

**Provide Itinerant services to students with up to 275 MPW from ECSE Teacher at the CBO**

**Ensure students in pilot program are in classrooms with certified educators**

**Increase support from CPS to CBOs to ensure compliance and quality**



# Recommended Project Phases

**SY 23**

## **Planning and Preparation**

- Collaborative Meetings
- Strategic Planning
- MOU Development

**SY 24**

## **Pilot Model Implementation**

- 6 sites
- Itinerant Service Delivery Model

**SY 25**

## **Expansion and Sustainability**

- Details TBD
- Based on lessons learned throughout SY 24





Partner Updates

Edna Navarro Vidaurre - Birth to  
Five

 Partner Updates

Sandy de León - Chicago Early  
Learning Workforce Scholarship



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Serah Fatani - CECIDS  
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## Next Steps

1. We will share the Google Folder for Advisory Council members to share resources and documents for Executive Committee members to reflect on
  
1. Next ECRC Advisory Council meeting will resume in September