

Ohio Sunset Review Committee

Agency Name: Department of Children & Youth – Early Childhood Advisory Council

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives

(ORC Section 3301.90) The council shall serve as the state advisory council on early childhood education and care, as described in 42 U.S.C. 9837b(b)(1). In addition to the duties specified in 42 U.S.C. 9837b(b)(1), the council shall promote family-centered programs and services that acknowledge and support the social, emotional, cognitive, intellectual, and physical development of children and the vital role of families in ensuring the well-being and success of children.

42 U.S. Code 9837B

(D)

(i) The [State](#) Advisory Council shall, in addition to any responsibilities assigned to the Council by the Governor of the [State](#)—

(I) conduct a periodic statewide needs assessment concerning the quality and availability of early childhood education and development programs and services for children from birth to school entry, including an assessment of the availability of high-quality pre-kindergarten services for low-income children in the [State](#);

(II) identify opportunities for, and barriers to, collaboration and coordination among Federally-funded and [State](#)-funded child development, child care, and early childhood education programs and services, including collaboration and coordination among [State](#) agencies responsible for administering such programs;

(III) develop recommendations for increasing the overall participation of children in existing Federal, [State](#), and local child care and early childhood education programs, including outreach to underrepresented and special populations;

(IV) develop recommendations regarding the establishment of a unified data collection system for public early childhood education and development programs and services throughout the [State](#);

(V) develop recommendations regarding statewide [professional development](#) and career advancement plans for early childhood educators in the [State](#);

(VI) assess the capacity and effectiveness of 2- and 4-year public and private institutions of higher education in the [State](#) toward supporting the development of early childhood educators, including the extent to which such institutions have in place articulation agreements, [professional development](#) and career advancement plans, and practice or internships for students to spend time in a Head Start or prekindergarten program; and

(VII) make recommendations for improvements in [State](#) early learning standards and undertake efforts to develop high-quality comprehensive early learning standards, as appropriate.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload and total number of staff

The Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC) currently meeting at least quarterly. Staff time is dedicated to the recruitment, on-boarding and communication with ECAC members. The staff meets with the Co-Chair to develop the agendas and goals for the subcommittees. Approximately .25 FTE is spent on the operations of ECAC including the Director and other team members on the Executive and Senior teams.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its courses of funding:

The Early Childhood Advisory Council has not had a budget and DCY does not anticipate having one in the future.

Number of members of its governing board and other governing entity and their compensation, if any.

Early Childhood Advisory Council members are not compensated.

The ECAC currently has 33 members. State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care for Children include, to the maximum extent possible:

- State Director of Head Start Coordination and 1 representative of each of the following:
 - (1) the state agency responsible for child care,
 - (2) the state educational agency,
 - (3) local educational agencies,
 - (4) state institutions of higher education,
 - (5) local providers of early childhood education and development services, (6) Head Start agencies located in Ohio, including migrant and seasonal Head Start programs and Indian Head Start programs,
 - (7) the state agency responsible for programs under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act,
 - (8) the state agency responsible for health or mental health care; and
 - (9) other entities that the Governor determines to be relevant.

Additional notes

The Early Childhood Advisory Council and the Child Care Advisory Council do have similar purposes and DCY is proposing that the duties of the Child Care Advisory Council be assumed by the Early Childhood Advisory Council.