



## CT Office of Early Childhood Parent Cabinet Meeting Agenda

February 24, 2025

6:00pm-8pm

Zoom Meeting

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**Mission:** *To build strong connections, listen intentionally, and partner with Connecticut families of young children, communities, and OEC to incorporate the expertise of all parents throughout the early childhood system to ensure family-driven equitable policies and programs.*

### Co-Facilitators:

Parent Cabinet members Amber Alessandro region 5, Jennifer St. John, Region 6

### Meeting Purpose *(Why is this meeting needed?)*:

- To continue to strengthen relationships and communication amongst members, ensure members have tools and information needed to succeed
- Receive parent cabinet input

### Intended Outcomes *(What do we want to achieve by the end of this? What will success look like?)*:

- Regions have met to continue mapping of their region and building relationships
- Members have questions answered about Legislative bills, testimony and Universal Preschool Endowment
- Members bring any questions around Sparkler App and how families can use it

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
6:00-6:05pm  5 minutes	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting guidelines/group norms reminder</li><li>• Mission and meeting outcomes</li></ul>	Chenae R, Parent cabinet Coordinator, OEC Amber A., Region 5 Parent Cabinet member

6:05-6:10pm 5 minutes	Ice Breaker poll -zoom	Jenn S., Region 6 Parent Cabinet member
6:10-6:55pm 45 minutes	Commissioner Office Updates & Asks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legislative Session Bills</li> <li>• Testimony Questions and Support</li> <li>• Universal Preschool Endowment questions</li> <li>• Early Start CT Local Governing Partners</li> </ul>	Amber A., Region 5 Parent Cabinet member Maggie Adair, Communications and Legislative Program Manager, OEC Acting Commissioner Elena Trueworthy
6:55pm-7:05pm 10 minutes	External Committee and Subcommittee updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OEC External Steering Committee</li> <li>• State Inclusion Planning Team</li> <li>• CT ELDS Planning Team</li> <li>• Connecticut State Personnel Development Grant (SPDG) Planning Committee Interest Form</li> <li>• OEC Data subcommittee</li> <li>• OEC Parent &amp; Caregiver Survey planning parent committee</li> </ul>	Jenn S., Region 6 Parent Cabinet member
7:05pm-7:35pm 30 minutes	Regional Breakouts – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elevator speech practice</li> <li>• Region mapping</li> <li>• Community Outreach planning               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What is needed? Who can supply? What does OEC need to support with? Trainings? Best Practices?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Amber A., Region 5 Parent Cabinet member
7:35-7:55pm 20 minutes	Sparkler Brief Overview Brief <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Questions and Feedback</li> </ul>	Jenn S., Region 6 Parent Cabinet member  Malissa Griffith, Parent Outreach Project Manager, OEC Bethanne Vergean, CDC Learn the Signs Act Early Ambassador for CT
7:55-8:00pm	Closing	Chenae

5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Evaluation link</li></ul>	
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