



CT Office of Early Childhood Parent Cabinet

Meeting Agenda

November 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: Regan Allan (region 1) & Tiffanie Allain (region 3)

Timekeeper: Chenae

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

- To continue to strengthen relationships and communication
- Ensure members have tools and information needed to succeed on mission

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

- Members have clarity on OEC updates and any questions answered
- Members have better understanding on the expectations with Community Outreach and Local Governance Partners and share any feedback
- Members have what they need to share about Help ME Grow resources and information for next steps to be engaged.
- Members learn about the end result of project to align the work of OEC and the Parent Cabinet

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator/Presenters/Speakers
6:00-6:05pm 5 minutes	Welcome • Meeting guidelines and overview	Chenae R - Parent Cabinet Coordinator, OEC
6:06-6:15pm 10 minutes	Connect Question Activity	Tiffanie, Parent Cabinet member

6:15-6:40pm 25 minutes	Updates /Feedback • PC member Announcements, Highlights + Questions –5 minutes • OEC Updates ○ Federal Updates /CT Special Legislative Session - 5 minutes ○ Early Start CT - 4 minutes ▪ Press Conference on new spaces being added in 2026 ▪ Request for Applications (RFA) ○ Early Childhood Education Endowment Advisory Board meeting - 3 minutes ○ CT & Federal Head Start Updates + PC/Head Start contact sheet – 3 minutes Questions- 5 minutes	Regan, PC member Chenae Russell, OEC Interim Commissioner Elena Trueworthy, OEC Maggie Adair Karen Pascale, OEC
6:40pm-6:55pm 15 minutes	Parent Cabinet Subcommittee and External Advisory Committees Updates & Feedback - External Committee (7 minutes): ○ Parent & Caregiver Survey committee - Subcommittees (5 minutes): ○ Access & Affordability subcommittee ○ Community & Family Engagement subcommittee	Regan, Parent Cabinet member Veronica, UConn SSW Amber, PC member region 5 Mallory PC member region 5
6:55pm-7:10pm 15 minutes	Community Outreach: Local Governance Partners (LGP) etc. ○ Updates: Fact Sheets + upcoming trainings (PA training materials shared by email), etc.- 3 minutes ○ PC Mapping + Expectation with LGPs and Other towns - 2 minutes ○ PC Share out : Community Table Meetings Highlight/ Feedback from PC members - 10 minutes	Tiffanie, PC member Malissa + Chenae, OEC

7:10pm-7:25 15 minutes	Connect + Random Break Outs – In each random breakouts share with each other the following starting at #1. 1. A place you call home 2. A language (spoken, learned, or loved) 3. A place you'd love to live for a year 4. A comfort food 5. Morning beverage of choice 6. Favorite season 7. Sleep schedule (early bird or night owl) 8. A city or country still on your travel list 9. Introvert, extrovert, or ambivert 10. Favorite way to connect with others (text, call, walk, meal, etc.) 11. A hobby or activity that surprised you 12. Your go-to karaoke or sing-along song 13. A superpower you'd pick 14. One word people often use to describe you 15. Something that instantly relaxes you 16. Something that always makes you laugh 17. A word that describes your year so far	Tiffanie, Parent Cabinet member
7:25-7:35pm 10 minutes	Help Me Grow follow up • Communication: Flyers, Family Messaging Review+ Input Family Messaging: Help Me Grow (HMG) Connecticut connects parents and caregivers with play activities, developmental screenings, parenting tools, and local supports so children can learn, play, and grow. HMG serves parents and caregivers as early as pregnancy and with young children up to age 5. By partnering with trusted community providers, HMG helps find the resources that fit the family best to nurture and build confident children. Parents and caregivers connect to HMG through 211 Child Development by calling 1-800-505-7000.	Regan, Parent Cabinet member Luz Rivera, Family Support Division, OEC

7:35pm- 7:50pm 15 minutes	OEC + Parent Cabinet Alignment work update	Tiffanie PC member Third Sector Consulting
7:50pm- 8:00pm 10 minutes	Closing/Evaluation - Any other questions or concerns? - Next meeting in January 2026, Poll for December Holiday fun Virtual poll - Ending connect question - Evaluation:	Regan, Parent Cabinet member Chenae R, OEC