



CT Office of Early Childhood Parent Cabinet

Meeting Agenda

September 22, 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: Tricia H. (region 4) & Amber A.(region 5) **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 better insight into the Early Childhood Education Endowment work and understand their involvement
- Members have better understanding of the One Point Entry Portal, and provide family voice input and understand their involvement as messengers in the region
- Members understand the goal of the OEC Statewide Parent & Caregiver Survey and identify 2 groups or 2 areas to focus outreach for the survey
- Members understand how to input into the Community Outreach Data tool monthly

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator/Presenters/Speakers
6:00-6:05pm 5 minutes	Welcome	Chenae R - Parent Cabinet Coordinator, OEC

6:06-6:15pm 10 minutes	Ice Breaker Share any exciting news, positive moments from the summer or upcoming thing looking forward to?	Amber, Parent Cabinet member
6:15-6:40pm 25 minutes	OEC / Commissioner Office Items Updates/Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Governing Partners (5 minutes) Early Childhood Education Endowment (10 min.) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Status/Next Steps <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advisory Board Communication <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fact Sheets, listening sessions How Parent Cabinet can help? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examples -One Point Entry Portal + listening sessions etc. News on Commissioner Bye's Retirement & Deputy Elena's appointment (10 min.) 	Intro by: Tricia Parent Cabinet member Malissa Griffith, <i>Parent Outreach Initiative Program Manager</i> Kristen Dudanowicz, <i>Director of Systems & Policy Planning</i> Maggie Adair, <i>Communications & Legislative Program Manager</i> Christina Pace + Kelly Sorrow, <i>Parent Cabinet</i> Commissioner Beth Bye Deputy Commissioner Elena Trueworthy
6:40pm-7:10pm 30 minutes	Committees & Subcommittee Updates/Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> OEC Parent & Caregiver Survey Parent Committee- 10 minutes CT Early Childhood Cabinet /OEC External Steering Committee- 2 minutes OEC Data Subcommittee: Community Outreach Data Form feedback – 20 minutes 	Intro: Amber, Parent Cabinet member Veronica, <i>UConn</i> + Jennifer, <i>Parent Cabinet</i> Cris Jimenez-Porrata + Mallory Paige, <i>parent cabinet</i> Coral Wonderly, <i>OEC Data Scientist & Data co-chair</i>
7:10pm-7:30pm 20 minutes	Regional Break Outs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connect on strategies used or planning to use to share about OEC Parent & Caregiver survey following guidelines from UConn. What are two (2) region-based groups, organizations or places to share about the survey with? 	Tricia, Parent Cabinet member
7:30pm-7:55pm 25 minutes	OEC- One Point Entry Portal Discussion Part 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide feedback on another state site around user ability & PC involvement – listening session 	Introduce :Amber, PC member Eloisa Melendez, <i>BRP Lead Manager</i> + Jill Marini, <i>Strategic Initiatives + Cross Agency Planning OEC</i>
7:55-8:00pm 5 minutes	Closing/Evaluation Evaluation /Any other questions or concerns? Next meeting 10.27	Tricia., Parent Cabinet member