

# ***Rhode Island Early Learning Council Meeting***

Wednesday, March 27, 2024

9:00 am – 11:00 am

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Rhode Island

188 Valley Street, Suite 125

Providence, RI

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## **Agenda**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Agenda Item:</b>	
9:00-9:15	<b>Welcome, Opening Remarks, &amp; Introduction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Current Context</li><li>• Role of Early Learning Council</li></ul>	<b>Angélica Infante-Green, RIDE</b> <b>Kimberly Merolla-Brito, DHS</b> <b>Paige Clausius-Parks,</b> Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
9:15 – 9:30	<b>Cross-Sector Discussion: Early Childhood Program Staffing Successes and Challenges</b>	<b>Council Members</b>
9:30 –10:00	<b>Updates: Early Educator Recruitment/Retention Initiatives</b>	<b>Nicole Chiello, DHS</b> <b>Lisa Hildebrand, RI Association for the Education of Young Children</b> <b>Jennifer Kaufman, EOHHS</b> <b>Catherine Green, Head Start Collaboration</b>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Discussion: Input on the Rhode Island Child Care and Development Fund Triennial Plan</b>	<b>Nicole Chiello, DHS</b>
10:30 – 10:45	<b>Update: Implementation of New Rules for the Child Care Development Fund to Help Families and Providers</b>	<b>Nicole Chiello, DHS</b>
10:45 – 11:00	<b>Announcements, Public Comment &amp; Next Steps</b>	<b>Angélica Infante-Green, RIDE</b> <b>Kimberly Merolla-Brito, DHS</b> <b>Paige Clausius-Parks,</b> Rhode Island KIDS COUNT

### **2024 Early Learning Council Meetings (Big Brothers Big Sisters of RI):**

- Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

See [www.earlylearningri.org](http://www.earlylearningri.org) for meeting schedules, handouts, notes, and state reports.