

Rhode Island Early Learning Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 29, 2021

9:00 am – 11:00 am

**RI Department of Administration, Conference Room 2B and 2C
1 Capitol Hill, Providence RI**

Council Members who need to participate remotely should request a speaker's link from Jennifer Capaldo at jcapaldo@rikidscount.org

Agenda

Time	Agenda Item:	
9:00-9:15	Welcome, Opening Remarks, & Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Context• Role of Early Learning Council	Angélica Infante-Green, RIDE Celia Blue, DHS Elizabeth Burke Bryant, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
9:15 – 9:30	Update: Early Intervention System <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Data on child outcomes during pandemic• Race equity planning• Staffing crisis	Jennifer Kaufman, EOHHS
9:30 – 10:00	Presentation/Discussion: Revisions to the RI Early Learning Standards Current version available at www.rields.com	Amanda Blazka, RIDE
10:00 –10:45	Presentations/Discussion: Early Educator Workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council Goals and Progress to Date• NAEYC Power to the Profession – Advancing Qualifications & Compensation• RI Public Higher Education Early Childhood Pathways Project• Reports from the early childhood field on staffing crises	Leanne Barrett, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT Lisa Hildebrand, RI Association for the Education of Young Children Christine Grele, RI Office of Postsecondary Education Lori Wagner, RI Child Care Directors Association Khadija Lews Khan, Beautiful Beginnings Minerva Waldron, Over the Rainbow Emma Villa, SEIU Family Child Care Union Donna Chartier, Family Child Care Homes of RI Casey Ferrara, Meeting Street Mary Varr, RI Head Start Association
10:45 – 11:00	Announcements, Public Comment & Next Steps	Elizabeth Burke Bryant Angélica Infante-Green Celia Blue

Future Early Learning Council Meetings: Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

PUBLIC LINK FOR WEBINAR: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_w8KMW5AoQH-H6X47k5S57w

See www.earlylearningri.org for meeting schedules, handouts, notes, and state reports