



Arkansas Early Childhood Commission Agenda

July 18, 2023 - 10:00am

DHS Conference Room A & B

Donaghey Plaza South

700 Main Street

Little Rock, AR 72201

Mission Statement: As good stewards of the public trust, we will advise the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education in supporting the optimal and ongoing development of young children in Arkansas.

The AECC will provide support by:

- 1) Increase the number of high-quality infant and toddler programs
- 2) Engage families in the child's education through research-based programs that enhance child outcomes and success in school
- 3) Create an integrated system of professional development uniting the early childhood sectors-child care; HS; pre-k; public schools; early intervention and special education services. LeMoine, S. (2008). *Workforce Designs A Policy Blueprint for State Early Childhood Professional Development Systems*. National Association for the Education of Young Children. https://www.naeyc.org/sites/default/files/wysiwyg/user-74/workforce_designs.pdf
- 4) Support restructuring, expanding and growing Better Beginning/Quality Rating Improvement System
- 5) Strengthen and expand local and state partnerships with other agencies and organizations for connected action
- 6) Creating awareness of Health and Nutrition Programs and educate parents, children, and child care providers on the benefits of a healthy lifestyle

AGENDA

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| I. | Call to Order / Reading of Mission Statement | Elizabeth Waldrum, Chair |
| | ❖ Introductions | Elizabeth Waldrum, Chair |
| | ❖ Welcome | Tonya Williams |
| | ❖ Senator Jane English – Senate Committee on Education | |
| | ❖ Leah Henderson - Subcommittee on Children and Youth of the House Committee on Aging, Children and Youth, Legislative and Military Affairs (Expires 6/29/23) | |
| II. | Approval of Minutes from 04/18/23 Meeting | Elizabeth Waldrum, Chair |
| III. | Old Business | |
| | ❖ DCCECE Commission Report | Tonya Williams |
| | ❖ HSSCO/AHSA Update | Barbie Baxter |
| | ❖ ARPA Updates/Stabilization Grant | Tom Sheppard |
| | ❖ TEACH Update | Paul Lazenby |
| IV. | New Business | |
| | ❖ LEARNS Update | Tonya Williams |
| | ❖ Child Care Appeal Review Applications | Tonya Williams |
| V. | Summary/Announcements/Public Comments | |
| | ❖ Upcoming Events | AECC Chair |
| | ❖ Public Comment | AECC Chair |
| VI. | Next Meeting | |
| | ❖ October 17, 2023 – Location -TBD | |
| VII. | Request for Adjournment | AECC Chair |

