



Delaware Early Childhood Council

May 17, 2022

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Virtual Meeting

WebEx Link

<https://de-doe.webex.com/de-doe/j.php?MTID=m7305416dc0f80270ded4d5654a67cca4>

Join by Phone

1-415-655-0001

Meeting number (access code): 2624 119 1353

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1:00 – 1:10 PM...Welcome and Call to Order

Madeleine Bayard

- Approval of March 15, 2022 DECC Meeting Minutes
- Congratulations!
 - Kim Krzanowski
 - Debbie Taylor
 - Jeff Benatti
 - Lori Foraker
- Kudos on [Workforce Panel](#) (May 5)

1:10 – 1:20 PM...Legislative Updates

Senator Kyle Evans Gay

- Proposed legislation: [HB 377](#) (workforce systems and study) and [HB 410](#) (child care workforce tax credit)
- Kids Caucus, May 19, 11:30am – 1:30pm, Legislative Hall
 - RSVP to Bridget Wallace at Bridget.Wallace@Delaware.gov

1:20 – 1:30 PM...Agency Updates

Caitlin Gleason

- **DDOE**
 - Hunt Institute Partnership Update
 - Child Care Bonus Program
 - [SB 82](#) Implementation (public school registration)
 - [HB 202](#) Implementation (developmental screening)
- **DHSS**
 - Cost of Child Care: request to Federal Administration for Children and Families on moving to alternative methodology of rate setting: cost of care based on March 1 [report](#) & [estimator tools](#)
 - Making a POC Handbook or Guide available to providers

Tom Hall

1:30 – 1:45 PM...Lead Poisoning Eligibility Update

Erin Nescott, Kids Count
Sarah Bucic, Lead Free DE
Amy Roe, Lead Free DE
Bill Leitzinger, DPH

- [HB 222](#) Implementation (lead screening)

1:45 – 2:15 PM...[Home Visiting Annual Report](#)

Crystal Sherman, DPH
Kelly Ensslin, HVCAB

- Key Findings and Recommendations
- Next steps for DPH and HVCAB
- How can DECC help

2:15 – 2:30 PM...Head Start - Early Head Start Partnership Needs Assessment

Debbie Taylor

2:30 – 2:50 PM...Updates

- Early Literacy Project & Healthy Kids Healthy Future Program
- Holistic Services Committee Meeting

Diane Frentzel
Meghan Walls &

- EPSDT
- Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation
- **Recent Releases**

Kirsten Olson
Mary Moor
Madeleine Bayard &
Jamie Schneider

- "[Delaware Voters Want Increased Investments in Child Care, Poll Finds](#)" Recent poll of registered voters, GBAO Strategies with Rodel, deaeyc, Delaware Head Start Association, the Delaware Readiness Teams, and Kingswood Community Center
- "[Child Care Is Everyone's Business: Why Delaware Businesses Should Care About Early Childhood Education](#)" Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Delaware State Chamber of Commerce, Rodel, and DOE

2:50-3:00 PM...Upcoming Events and Closing

Madeleine Bayard

NEXT MEETING DATE

July 12, 2022

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Location/login info <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/#/>

The mission of the DECC is to promote the development of a comprehensive and coordinated early childhood system, birth to eight, which provides the highest quality services and environment for Delaware's children and their families.