

## Maine Interagency Coordinating Council (ICC) Meeting

4/1/2024 from 11:00am-12:30pm

Link for Meeting: <https://maine.zoom.us/j/7923140553?omn=85066337890>

Attendance:	Maine ICC Members:	Guests/Public Attendees:		
<p><b>Key:</b>                      * = Notetaker                      = Absent  <span style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px;"> </span> = Absent  <span style="background-color: #d9ead3; padding: 2px;"> </span> = Attended  <b>Next Meeting(s):</b>                      TBD</p>	<p>Marnie Morneault, Higher Education Member-University of Maine, Chair                      Ariana Whiting, Part C State Coordinator, CDS*                      Erin Frazier, Director of Special Services &amp; Inclusive Education B-22, DOE                      Roberta Lucas, CDS State Director/619 Coordinator, DOE*                      Jacqueline Hersom, Assistant 619 Coordinator, CDS                      Abigail Roy, Parent, CDS Reach                      Amelia Lyons, Migrant Education &amp; Homeless Education, DOE                      Amy Spencer, Early Intervention &amp; Family Services Coordinator/SLP, MECDHH                      Becky Gilman, Regional Site Director, CDS Aroostook                      Brenda Drummond, Director, Division for the Blind and Visually Impaired                      Carly Lowell, Quality Assurance &amp; Data Manager, SKCDC/Head Start                      Carrie Woodcock, Executive Director, Maine Parent Federation                      Catherine Gibbs, Early Intervention Community Provider                      Cheryl Hillicoss, Early Intervention Program Manager, CDS York                      Cheryl Mercier, Special Education Director, RSU 18                      Elissa Rowe                      Elizabeth Deliso, Teacher of Children with Disabilities, CDS Midcoast                      Hibo Omer, Program Director, New Mainers Public Health Initiative                      Jaime McLeod, Parent, CDS Reach                      Jessica Creedon, Parent/Foster Parent, CDS York                      Jessika Frye, Parent and Service Coordinator, CDS Two Rivers                      Jessica Wood, Help Me Grow Program Manager, DHHS                      Jill Hamm, Early Start Maine Consultant/Service Coordinator, CDS Two Rivers                      Kai Jenkins, Parent and Service Coordinator, CDS Reach                      Kaylee Constable, Parent and Home Childcare Provider, CDS PEDS                      Kelly Christopher, Parent, CDS Downeast                      Kathryn Temple, Children’s Behavioral Health Manager, DHHS                      Kelly Harvey, Teacher of Children with Disabilities, CDS PEDS                      Nancy Cronin, Executive Director, Developmental Disabilities Council                      Natasha Cannon, Parent, CDS Reach                      Nancy Moulton, Program Director, Catholic Charities, ESBVIC                      Sandy Flacke                      Sara Martin, Speech/Language Pathologist, CDS Two Rivers                      Sarah Groom, Child Welfare Program Manager, DHHS                      Stephanie Vinson, Parent of Part C child                      Travis Bryant, Executive Director, AFFM and the Kinship Program                      Trista Collins, Office of MaineCare Services, DHHS</p>	<p>Connor                      Archer-guest                        Dara Fruchter                        Sue Boulette                        Lauren                      Lantagne</p>		
Minutes Allotted	Topic	Discussion	Action Items	Reference Materials

10	Introductions & Announcements (Marnie Morneault)	<p><i>Marnie Morneault</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>New Members-Welcome</b></li> <li>● <b>Agenda Review</b></li> <li>● Ariana Whiting has kindly offered to take notes for us today.</li> </ul> <p>Connor Archer has joined the ICC today as a guest, and expresses that he hopes to learn more about the work occurring in Part C.</p>		
10	Composition of the ICC	<p><i>Marnie and Ariana</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion of the roles of the State Part C Interagency Coordinating Council, membership</li> </ul> <p>Membership: We are missing a representative from Private Insurance and a Legislative representative.</p> <p><b>(a) The Council must be composed as follows:</b></p> <p><b>(1)</b></p> <p><b>(i) At least 20 percent of the members must be parents, including minority parents, of infants or toddlers with disabilities or children with disabilities aged 12 years or younger, with knowledge of, or experience with, programs for infants and toddlers with disabilities.</b></p> <p><b>(ii) At least one parent member must be a parent of an infant or toddler with a disability or a child with a disability aged six years or younger.</b></p> <p><b>(2) At least 20 percent of the members must be public or private providers of early intervention services.</b></p> <p><b>(3) At least one member must be from the State legislature.</b></p> <p><b>(4) At least one member must be involved in personnel preparation.</b></p> <p><b>(5) At least one member must—</b></p> <p><b>(i) Be from each of the State agencies involved in the provision of, or payment</b></p>	Marnie and Ariana will connect and discuss membership and bring back to the Council.	<a href="#">Subpart G- Interagency Coordinating Councils</a>

		<p>for, early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families; and</p> <p>(ii) Have sufficient authority to engage in policy planning and implementation on behalf of these agencies.</p> <p>(6) At least one member must—</p> <p>(i) Be from the SEA responsible for preschool services to children with disabilities; and</p> <p>(ii) Have sufficient authority to engage in policy planning and implementation on behalf of the SEA.</p> <p>(7) At least one member must be from the agency responsible for the State Medicaid and CHIP program.</p> <p>(8) At least one member must be from a Head Start or Early Head Start agency or program in the State.</p> <p>(9) At least one member must be from a State agency responsible for child care.</p> <p>(10) At least one member must be from the agency responsible for the State regulation of private health insurance.</p> <p>(11) At least one member must be a representative designated by the Office of the Coordination of Education of Homeless Children and Youth.</p> <p>(12) At least one member must be a representative from the State child welfare agency responsible for foster care.</p> <p>(13) At least one member must be from the State agency responsible for children's mental health.</p>		
20	<p>Part C updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility expansion</li> </ul>	<p>Update on eligibility expansion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Dara Fruchter</b> shared information on adding Alcohol Exposure in Utero to the eligibility list.</li> </ul> <p>Ariana-</p> <p><b>1. Updates on other work for Part C</b></p>		<p><a href="http://www.proofalliance.org">www.proofalliance.org</a></p> <p><a href="#">Information about the Maternal and Child Health</a></p>

- Component of LD 345, offering Part C Extended Services for children who are part of Part C (up to the beginning of the school year following the child’s 4th birthday), and eligible for Part B.
- Taking the time to think this work through, welcome input from this group as it moves forward.
- Erin Frazier described that a current bill proposes to extend Part C, until Fall following the child’s 4th birthday. This is moving through legislation currently.
  - What that means-identified as eligible for Part C, have to go through eligibility for Part B.
  - Current data review-about 192 children’s families may choose this option, based on current identification of children within our system and rates of families choosing this in other states that implement this option.
  - The Early Intervention team will educate SAUs on EI to facilitate this smooth transition.
- Question from Elizabeth D-When/If this goes into effect, will it be offered to families who have already chosen Part B prior to this option becoming available?
  - This will not be available to families whose children turn 3 prior to full implementation.
  - If parents choose Part B, parents cannot go back to Part C.

**Carrie W-** Describes that due process exists for parents who want to file complaints for compensatory services, a lot of conversation with legislators to address compensatory services.

**Erin-**every child that is eligible for compensatory services, is scheduled to have a comp ed meeting.

**Ariana-**discussion about implementation timeline-OSEP allowing to submit policies and procedures.

**Marnie-**will these policies and procedures come to this group to review?

**Amy-**Could a child choose the Ext Part C option for a limited time, such as when they are waiting for programming under Part B to become available?

**Erin-**Yes, that’s part of the intention of the Part C feature.

[Substance Exposed Infant Virtual Conference 2022](#)  
[Dara shared](#)

		<p>2. <b>Established Condition of Risk</b>-Proposing to add alcohol exposure in utero. Adding within the substance use diagnosis, but hope to provide clarity for people who refer. Currently 492 conditions on the list.</p> <p><b>Dara F</b>-Proof Alliance-leading organization for Fetal Alcohol Disorders. Leading sources for evidence-based education.</p> <p><b>Erin</b>-DOE is working with the University of Rochester-NY, she and Dara should connect. People who have expertise in Autism are looking at Maine as we have a high diagnostic rate.</p> <p>FASD resources: <a href="https://www.fasdmaine.org/">https://www.fasdmaine.org/</a></p>	<p>Elizabeth D will send the spreadsheet that she has showing the current list of conditions.</p> <p>Nancy Cronin- Has some connections and potential resources.</p>	<p>Information Marnie <a href="#">Shared</a></p>
30	Overview / Q & A around P-ESDM & ESDM	<p>Ariana</p> <p><b>Lauren Lantagne</b>- ESDM &amp; P-ESDM provider/consultant</p> <p><b>Sue Boulette</b>-P-ESDM Consultant</p> <p>Will share information about the two different types of ESDM Maine offers.</p> <p><b>Carrie's question</b>- Concern from parents. Receiving coaching services rather than direct intervention. Carrie is concerned that the family receives 1-½ hours of service per week, then families carry over the intervention. Fidelity of the model.</p> <p><b>Ariana</b>- Evidence based model for providing services. Discussed how the model is a natural environment.</p> <p><b>Sue B</b>- Empowerment of the parent. Part of the model is the generalization of the skills that they are learning.</p> <p><b>Lauren L</b>- Story of a family who was in P-ESDM. Lauren is currently utilizing a co-treat model with their ESDM provider, and are being successful.</p> <p>Next meeting-June 24th, 11-12:30</p>		
10	Potential Agenda Items (Marnie Morneault)	<p>Future Topics</p> <p><u>Ideas So Far:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What else does the group want to include?</li> </ul>		

Part C Rebranding Update (Dara Fruchter)	Dara Fruchter, Strategic Initiatives and Special Projects Manager, will provide an update on the Part C rebranding/marketing campaign.
SSIP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● History</li><li>● Where are we now?</li><li>● Any changes?</li></ul>
Others?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Continue conversation around models for EI, wonders from the field.</li></ul>