



# Best Beginnings State Advisory Council

February 5, 2014 – 1:00pm to 5:00 pm

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Holiday Inn Ballroom – Last Chance Gulch  
Helena, Montana

## MISSION

The Best Beginnings Advisory Council's strategic goal is to ensure Montana has a comprehensive, coordinated, early childhood system that provides a governance structure and leads to strong collaboration in order to best meet the needs of Montana's youngest citizens.

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### AGENDA

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| <b>1:00 – 1:15</b> | <b>Welcome and Introductions</b><br>Patty Butler, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief<br>Larry Wilkerson, Best Beginnings Advisory Council Coordinator  |
| <b>1:15 – 1:30</b> | <b>Strategic Plan Overview</b><br>Jamie Palagi, Administrator Human and Community Service   |
| <b>1:30 – 2:00</b> | <b>Small Group Work</b><br>The council will break into small groups and identify talking points to share with the Governor's Office during the listening session.   |
| <b>2:00 – 2:30</b> | <b>Presentation from the Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services</b><br>Richard Opper, Director, Department of Health and Human Services   |
| <b>2:30 – 3:15</b> | <b>Early Childhood Planning and Listening Session with Governor Bullock's staff</b><br>Shannon O'Brien, Education Policy Advisor for Governor Bullock<br>Siri Smillie, Communities and Safety Policy Advisor for Governor Bullock |
| <b>3:15 – 3:30</b> | <b>Break</b>  |
| <b>3:30 – 4:45</b> | <b>Integrating Home Visiting/Council Discussion</b><br>Denise Higgins, Family and Community Health Bureau Chief<br>Deborah Neuman, Executive Director Thrive  |
| <b>4:45</b>        | <b>Public Comment</b>   |
| <b>5:00</b>        | <b>Meeting Adjourned</b>  |

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- 8:30 – 8:45**                      **Welcome and Announcements**  
Larry Wilkerson, Best Beginnings Advisory Council Coordinator
- 8:45 – 9:00**                      **Montana Early Learning Standards**  
Libby Hancock, Executive Director Early Childhood Project
- 9:00 – 10:00**                    **Panel Presentation- Serving Early Childhood High Risk Populations in DPHHS**  
Sarah Corbally, Administrator Child and Family Services Division  
Zoe Barnard, Children’s Mental Health Bureau Chief  
Wendy Studt, Part C Coordinator  
Patty Butler, Early Childhood Bureau Chief
- 10:00 – 10:30**                    **Break**
- 10:30 – 12:45**                    **Facilitated Discussion**  
Sarah Corbally, Administrator CFSD  
Jamie Palagi, Administrator HCSD
- 12:45**                                **Public Comment**
- 1:00**                                  **Meeting Adjourned**

### Next Meetings (dates subject to change):

- June 5, 2014 – Holiday Inn, Helena
- October 9, 2014 – Holiday Inn, Helena

### Committee reports to be attached to the final agenda email

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## Ex-Officio Members

Child and Adult Care Food Program	Mary Musil
Child Care Licensing	Becky Fleming-Siebenaler
Child Protective Services	Sarah Corbally
Department of Labor and Industry	
Developmental Services Division	Rebecca de Camara
Developmental Services Division; Part C	Wendy Studt
Early Childhood Project	Libby Hancock
Early Childhood Services Bureau	Patty Butler
Family and Community Health Bureau	Denise Higgins
Family and Community Health Bureau; Home Visiting	Dianna Frick
Head Start Collaboration	
Montana State Library	Sara Groves
Office of Public Instruction	
Office of Public Instruction; Early Grades Specialist	Terri Barclay
Public Assistance	Stephanie Wilkins

## Volunteer Positions

Business	Kriste Jensen
Child and Adult Care Food Program Sponsors	Michelle Parks
Child Care Center	Collette Box
Child Care Family Home	
Child Care Group Home	David B. Cook
Child Care Resource and Referral Network	Eileen Donohoue
Early Childhood Higher Education	Dr. Cindy O'Dell
Early Childhood Project; Special Projects	Christy Hill Larson
Family Support	Deborah Neuman
Head Start Association	Debbie Richert
Military Child Care	Susan Ritter
Montana Child Care Association	Connie Sturgis
Montana Association for the Education of Young Children	Sharon DiBrito
Organized Labor – Union	
Parent	Holley Woosley Vennes
Philanthropy	Carol Townsend
Pregnant and Parenting Teens	Kelly Hart
Statewide Health Consultant Coordinator	Shelly Meyer
Eastern Montana-3 Community Council Coordinator	Brenda Stockert
Flathead County Community Council Coordinator	Erin Riggs
Gallatin County Community Council Coordinator	Marie Lowe
Lewis and Clark County Community Council Coordinator	Katy Bugni
Missoula County Community Council Coordinator	Anna Semple
Ravalli County Community Council Coordinator	Kayla Gieseke
Silver Bow County Community Council Coordinator	Lynette Petritz
Blackfeet Tribal Community	
Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Community	Jeanne Christopher
Crow Tribal Community	
Fort Belknap Tribal Community	
Fort Peck Tribal Community	Viola Wood
Northern Cheyenne Tribal Community	Lucinda Burns
Chippewa Cree Tribal Community	Josette Bill

## BBAC Staff

Best Beginnings Advisory Council Coordinator	Larry Wilkerson
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