



Best Beginnings State Advisory Council

June 5, 2014 - 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

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.

AGENDA

- 8:30-8:45** **Welcome and Introductions**
Larry Wilkerson, Best Beginnings Advisory Council Coordinator
- 8:45-9:30** **Updates from the Governor's Office**
Siri Smilie, Communities and Safety Policy Advisor for Governor Bullock
Shannon O' Brien, Education Policy Advisor for Governor Bullock
Tara Ferriter-Smith, Early Reading First Specialist, Office of Public Instruction
- 9:30-10:00** **State Advisory Council Review**
Patty Butler, Early Childhood Service Bureau Chief
Larry Wilkerson, Best Beginnings Advisory Council Coordinator
- 10:00-10:15** **Break**
- 10:15-11:00** **State Advisory Council Discussion**
Sarah Corbally, Child and Family Services Division Administrator
Patty Butler, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief
- 11:00-12:00** **Committee/Small Group Work - BBAC Structure and Organization Discussion**
- 12:00-1:00** **Lunch**
Best Beginnings Toolkit presentation, Larry Wilkerson
- 1:00-2:00** **Full Council Discussion - Recommendations for agency order to Governor's Office**
- 2:00-2:30** **Regional Referral and Service Coordination Meeting Update**
Dianna Frick, Maternal Early Childhood Home Visiting
Michele Cushman, Maternal Early Childhood Home Visiting
Wendy Studt, Part C
Caitlin Jensen, SafeCare
Larry Wilkerson, Best Beginnings Advisory Council
- 2:30-2:45** **Break**
- 2:45-3:45** **Lewis and Clark County Consent Referral System**
Drenda Niemann, L&C City-County Health Department, CHD Administrator
Brie Oliver, L&C City-County Health Department
Alexis Molineux-Gibbons, Helena School District
- 3:45-4:00** **Public Comment**
- 4:00** **Meeting Adjourned**

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Public Comment - in accordance with 2-3-103 (1), MCA, the Department will hold a public comment period. Please note that this is the public's opportunity to address the work of the Best Beginnings Advisory Council

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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	Kathy Rich
Montana State Library	Sara Groves
Office of Public Instruction	
Office of Public Instruction; Early Grades Specialist	Terri Barclay
Public Assistance	Pam Barragato

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	
Eastern Montana-3 Community Council Coordinator	Brenda Stockert
Flathead County Community Council Coordinator	Ned Cooney
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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