



Best Beginnings State Advisory Council

January 7, 2015 – 10:00am to 5:00 pm

January 8, 2015 – 8:30 pm to 3:00 pm

Red Lion Colonial Hotel – 2301 Colonial Drive
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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| 9:30-10:00 | Coffee – Networking |
| 10:00-11:30 | Welcome, Introductions, and Setting the Stage
Patty Butler, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief
Kathy Rich, Best Beginnings Advisory Council Coordinator
Julie Benson-Rosston, Facilitator |
| 11:30 – 12:00 | Break/Lunch |
| 12:00– 12:30 | Governor's Office Update
Shannon O'Brien, Education Policy Advisor for Governor Bullock
Siri Smillie, Communities and Safety Policy Advisor for Governor Bullock |
| 12:30 – 2:00 | Legislative Updates - Division Administrators, DPHHS, and OPI |
| 2:00 – 2:15 | Break |
| 2:15 – 4:45 | Community Café – MIECHV, HSSCO, CCDF, ECCS, Pre-K Grant, HMTP, Montana PLI |
| 4:45-5:00 | Wrap Up
Public Comment |
| 5:00 | 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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8:00- 8:15	Continental Breakfast
8:15-8:30	Welcome and Announcements Montana Children's Trust Fund
8:30-10:15	Breakout sessions: Council small group discussions and feedback.
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-11:30	Identification of Priorities from small group discussions
11:30-12:00	Lunch – provided
12:00-12:30	Preschool Development Grant overview OPI Tara Ferriter –Smith OPI
12:30-1:30	Facilitated Discussion – Establish work groups
1:30-1:45	Break
1:45-2:45	Work Group Development- leadership, action steps
2:45-3:00	Public Comment
3:00	Adjourn

Next Meetings:

- **April 15-16, 2015– Holiday Inn, Helena**
- **October 8-9, 2015 –Red Lion Colonial Hotel, Helena**

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Volunteer Members

Entity Represented	Individual's Name	Residence	Address, Email, Phone
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Crow Tribal Community	Vacant	Crow Agency	
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