



# Best Beginnings State Advisory Council

June 28, 2016 – 8:00 am to 5:00 pm  
June 29, 2016 – 8:00 am to 12:30 pm

*Radisson Colonial Hotel Helena, 2301 Colonial Drive, Helena*

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Time	Agenda Item
<u>Business of the Council</u>	
Objective: Collective understanding of the BBAC work and the outcomes of this meeting.	
8:00AM-8:30AM	<b>Sign-In and Networking</b>
8:30AM-9:00AM	<b>Welcome/Introductions/Meeting Objectives</b> <i>Julie Benson-Rosston, Facilitator</i>
9:00AM-10:00AM	<b>BBAC Overview and Charge Update</b> <i>Sally Tilleman and A.C. Rothenbuecher, BBAC Co-Coordinators</i>
10:00AM-10:15AM	Break
10:15AM-11:15AM	<b>Activity: BBAC Accomplishments: How Have You Been Involved?</b> <i>Sally Tilleman and A.C. Rothenbuecher, BBAC Co-Coordinators</i>
11:15AM-12:45PM	Lunch On Your Own
<u>Work of the Council</u>	
Objective: To learn about current work of the council and provide feedback. For this meeting, current work includes the Kindergarten Entry Assessment Work Group, Part B, and preventing expulsion and suspension policy work.	
12:45PM-1:45PM	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A: Kindergarten Entry Assessment (KEA) Work Group</b> Presenter: <i>Jill Christensen, Preschool Specialist, Montana Office of Public Instruction</i> Panelists: <i>Christine Lux, Assistant Professor Early Childhood Education and Child Services ECCC Representative</i> <i>Cindy O'Dell, Education Department Chair, Salish Kootenai College</i> <i>Nicole Peterson, MPDG Regional Specialist</i> <i>Melody Wall, Kindergarten Teacher, Helena Public Schools</i>
1:45PM-2:45PM	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A: Draft policy for Social-Emotional Development and Behavioral Health: Preventing Expulsion and Suspension</b> <i>Patty Butler, Bureau Chief, Early Childhood Services</i>
2:45PM-3:15PM	Break
3:15PM-4:30PM	<b>Discussion and Q&amp;A: Preschool Special Education</b> <i>Danni McCarthy, Compliance Specialist, Preschool Specialist, Hearing Conservation Program Specialist, Interpreter Program Specialist – Special Education Division, Montana Office of Public Instruction</i>
4:30PM-4:45PM	<b>Public Comment</b>
4:45PM-5:00PM	<b>Closing</b> <i>Julie Benson-Rosston, Facilitator</i>

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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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<u>System Level Work of the Council</u>	
Objective: To discuss current accomplishments and ongoing challenges in early childhood mental health in Montana's communities and how to move forward in a systematic way.	
8:00AM-8:30AM	<b>Sign-In and Networking</b>
8:30AM-8:45AM	<b>Welcome and Objective Review</b> <i>Julie Benson-Rosston, Facilitator</i>
8:45AM-9:00 AM	<b>Mission Moment: "Building Adult Capabilities to Improve Child Outcomes: A Theory of Change" Video – Harvard University</b> <i>Kathy Rich, Head Start State Collaboration Director, Early Childhood Services Bureau</i>
9:00AM-9:30AM	<b>Montana Project LAUNCH Update</b> <i>Sarah Webb, Young Child Wellness Coordinator, Montana Project LAUNCH, Greater Gallatin United Way</i>
9:30AM-10:30AM	<b>Small Group Discussion: Early Childhood Mental Health</b>
10:30AM-10:45AM	Break
10:45AM-12:00PM	<b>Large Group Discussion: Early Childhood Mental Health</b> <i>Julie Benson-Rosston, Facilitator</i>
12:00PM-12:15PM	<b>Public Comment</b>
12:15PM-12:30PM	<b>Closing Thoughts</b> <i>Julie Benson-Rosston, Facilitator</i>

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**October 5-6, 2016:** Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena

**January 25-26, 2017:** Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena

**June 7-8, 2017:** Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena

**October 25-26, 2017:** Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena