

Best Beginnings Advisory Council

Strategic Goal

- ▶ The BBAC works 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.

Four Key Areas of Work

1. Children have access to high quality early childhood programs
2. Families with young children are supported in their community
3. Children have access to a medical home and health insurance
4. Social, emotional, and mental health needs of young children and families are supported

THANK YOU

Dedication and Service

- ▶ Last meeting of the current charge
- ▶ We want to thank you for your time and service
- ▶ We will take time later to celebrate the success of this group as well as celebrate some of things that are happening to promote Early Childhood in the state of Montana

Independent Needs for Each Grant

- ▶ The council supports the work in various ways



Workgroups

Coalitions

Report Back
to your
Agency

Work is Happening

- ▶ We are better together
- ▶ No one agency, group of people or individual can do what we do together
- ▶ The council has successfully moved Early Childhood to the forefront
- ▶ We can be excited about the progress being made and the future of our work and we will take time later to celebrate this work

New Charge Process

- ▶ If you are currently representing an entity that is required by one of the grants, you will be receiving a phone call to establish if you are interested in remaining on the council
- ▶ If a seat has been left vacant or a new required position for a grant is needed, we will submit a letter to the represented group for nominations
- ▶ Names will be submitted for approval/acceptance
- ▶ Letters will be emailed in August

The Work Remains The Same

- ▶ The BBAC is the Advisory Council for the following grants:
 1. Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)
 2. Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS)
 3. Head Start State Collaboration Office (HSCO)
 4. Healthy Montana Families (HMF) (*Maternal, Infant, Early Childhood Home Visiting Program*)
 5. Healthy Montana Teen Parent Program (HMTTP)
 6. Montana Preschool Development Grant (MPDG)
 7. MT Project LAUNCH (*Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health*)

Let Us Paint the Picture



Meeting Structure

► Meetings divided into three sections:

1. Business of the Council
2. Work of the Council
3. System level work of the Council

As We Move Forward

- ▶ We hope you know you are appreciated
- ▶ We hope you found this service to be valuable
- ▶ We hope you continue to move the work of Early Childhood forward whether as a member of the BBAC or as a member of your local community