

Best Beginnings Advisory Council

Strategic Goal

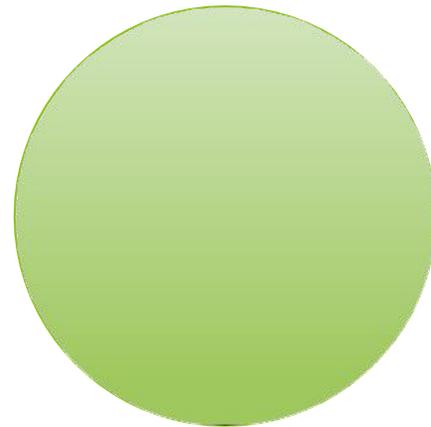
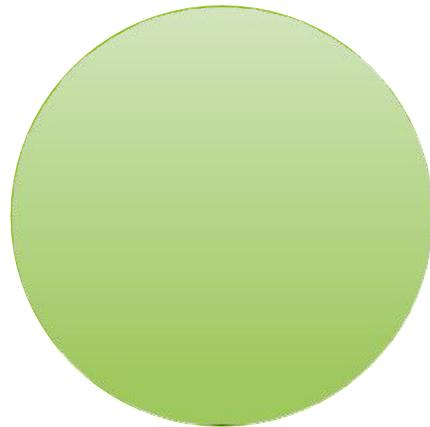
- ▶ The BBAC works to ensure Montana has a comprehensive, coordinated, early childhood system that provides a governance structure and leads to strong collaboration in order to best meet the needs of Montana's youngest citizens.

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

Independent Needs for Each Grant

- ▶ The council supports the work in various ways



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

Charge Process

- ▶ Names were submitted for approval
- ▶ We received notice that the nominations were approved October 3, 2016
- ▶ Letters will be mailed out from the Governor's Office within the next couple of weeks.
- ▶ We will then make all the final changes and we will send out updated membership lists.

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 (HMTPP)
 6. Montana Preschool Development Grant (MPDG)
 7. MT Project LAUNCH (*Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health*)

Who Are Our Members?

- Broad range of Early Childhood Stakeholders
- Many membership positions are required within grant requirements
- We all bring unique perspectives to some very important issues

Orientation

- The first two hours of the January meeting we will have a small orientation for new members.
- Brief Overview of the Council
- Opportunity to learn about your role on the council
- Time for questions and answers

Please view today's meeting as an opportunity to meet stakeholders from across the state, hear some of the cool services that are happening for the youngest citizens of this great state