



Welcome to BBAC!

# 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

# Charge Process

- ▶ DPHHS Director appointed Council that is approved by the Governor
- ▶ Each position on the Council represents a specific group that is generally required by one of the seven grants that we oversee
- ▶ Names are submitted for approval by the Governor
- ▶ We received notice that the nominations were approved October 3, 2016 and you all should have received letters of confirmation in the mail.
- ▶ If for some reason you are no longer able to serve on the council throughout your two year appointment, please let A.C. Rothenbuecher or Sally Tilleman with the Early Childhood Services Bureau know.

# Who Are Our Members?

- ▶ Broad range of Early Childhood Stakeholders
- ▶ Parents from across the great state of Montana
- ▶ Representatives from the majority of our Tribal communities

# Why you have been asked to be a member

- ▶ Many membership positions are part of grant requirements
- ▶ We all bring unique perspectives to our work
- ▶ We are better together
- ▶ No one agency, group, or individual can do alone 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

# 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 (HMTTPP)
  6. Montana Preschool Development Grant (MPDG)
  7. MT Project LAUNCH (*Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health*)
  8. “Act Early” ASD (autism spectrum disorder) State Team

# Independent Needs for Each Grant

- ▶ The council supports the work in various ways



Workgroups

Coalitions

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Agency

# Expectation of Being a Member

- ▶ Represent the interest of the group for which you attend
- ▶ Communicate what you learn back with your agencies and/or communities.



Thank you!

Questions?