



# Best Beginnings State Advisory Council

October 10, 2013 – 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Holiday Inn Ballroom – Last Chance Gulch  
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.

## AGENDA

<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Patty Butler, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	<b>MIECHV update</b> Dianna Frick, MIECHV Grant Manager
<b>9:30 – 10:30</b>	<b>Race to the Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant</b> Jamie Palagi, Human and Community Services Division Administrator
<b>10:30 – 10:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>10:45 – 12:00</b>	<b>Community Council Panel</b> Dianna Frick, facilitator
<b>12:00 – 1:00</b>	<b>Working Lunch</b> <b>Affordable Care Act Presentation</b> Katherine Buckley-Patton, HCSD Deputy Administrator
<b>1:00 – 2:30</b>	<b>Committee Reports and Progress (30 min each)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Family Support</li><li>• High Quality Care and Early Childhood</li><li>• Health</li><li>• Social, Emotional, Mental Health</li><li>• Professional Development</li><li>• SCOPA</li></ul>
<b>2:30 – 2:45</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>2:45 – 4:15</b>	<b>Continue Committee Reports and Progress</b>
<b>4:15</b>	<b>Public Comment</b>
<b>4:30</b>	<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>

### Next Meetings:

- January 16, 2014 – Holiday Inn, Helena
- June 5, 2014 – Holiday Inn, Helena
- October 9, 2014 – Holiday Inn, Helena

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Sara Groves – Montana State Library  
Jamie Palagi – Human and Community Services Division  
Patty Butler – Early Childhood Services Bureau  
Terri Barclay – Office of Public Instruction  
Rebecca de Camara – Developmental Services Division  
Denise Higgins – Family and Community Health Bureau  
Dianna Frick – Family and Community Health Bureau; Home Visiting  
Becky Fleming Siebenaler – Child Care Licensing  
Mary Musil – Child and Adult Care Food Program  
Caitlin Jensen – Head Start Collaboration  
Libby Hancock – Early Childhood Project  
Stephanie Wilkins – Public Assistance  
Sarah Corbally – Child Protective Services  
Christy Hill Larson – Early Childhood Project; Special Projects  
Shelly Meyer – Statewide Health Consultant  
Holley Woosley Vennes – Parent  
Collette Box – Child Care Center  
David B. Cook – Child Care Group Home  
Debbie Richert – Head Start Association  
Dr. Cindy O’Dell – Early Childhood Higher Education  
Connie Sturgis – Montana Child Care Association  
Eileen Donohoue – Child Care Resource and Referral Network  
Kriste Jensen – Business  
MtAEYC – Sharon DiBrito  
Michelle Parks – CACFP Sponsors  
Carol Townsend – Philanthropy  
Deborah Neuman – Family Support  
Jeanne Christopher – Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Community  
Lucinda Burns – Northern Cheyenne Tribal Community  
Josette Bill - Rocky Boys Tribal Community  
Viola Wood – Fort Peck Tribal Community  
Susan Ritter – Military Child Care  
Kelly Hart – Pregnant and Parenting Teens  
Brenda Stockert – Eastern Montana-3 Community Council Coordinator  
Katy Bugni – Lewis and Clark County Community Council Coordinator  
Lynette Petritz – Silver Bow County Community Council Coordinator  
Marie Lowe – Gallatin County Community Council Coordinator  
Erin Riggs – Flathead County Community Council Coordinator  
Steve Schmidt – Missoula County Community Council Coordinator  
Kayla Gieseke – Ravalli County Community Council Coordinator

## **BBAC Staff**

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