



Best Beginnings State Advisory Council

June 10, 2015 – 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
June 11, 2015 – 8:30 am to 3:00 pm

Helena Great Northern Hotel
835 Great Northern Blvd., Helena

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.

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AGENDA

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| 8:30-9:00 | Continental Breakfast – Networking |
| 9:00-9:30 | Welcome, Introductions, Julie Benson-Rosston, Facilitator |
| 9:30-10:45 | Review of Structure and Mechanisms
Patty Butler, Early Childhood Services Bureau Chief
Kathy Rich, Best Beginnings Advisory Council Coordinator |
| 10:45-11:00 | Break |
| 11:00-12:00 | Division Administrators Updates, DPHHS, and OPI |
| 12:00–12:30 | Break/Lunch |
| 12:30–1:30 | Governor's Office Update
Siri Smillie, Communities and Safety Policy Advisor for Governor Bullock |
| 1:30–3:00 | Reports from MIECHV, HSSCO, CCDF, ECCS, Pre-K Grant, HMTP, Montana
PLI - Advisory Council Requests |
| 3:00–3:15 | Break |
| 3:15–4:45 | Work Group Discussion |
| 4:45-5:00 | Wrap Up
Public Comment |
| 5:00 | Meeting Adjourned |

Americans with Disabilities Act - The Department of Public Health and Human Services is committed to providing meeting access through reasonable accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act. Please contact the Early Childhood Services Bureau at (866) 239-0458.

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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| 8:00- 8:30 | Continental Breakfast |
| 8:30-8:45 | Welcome and Announcements |
| 8:45-10:15 | Presentation on the Northern Cheyenne Child Care System
Cindy Burns, Child Care Specialist, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Care
Ann Knows His Gun, Executive Director Northern Cheyenne Tribal Care,
Mariah Walkslast, Health and Safety Specialist, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Care
Carrie Small, Activities Coordinator, Northern Cheyenne Tribal Care
Christy Hill-Larson, Special Projects Coordinator, Early Childhood Project
Libby Hancock, Director Early Childhood Project |
| 10:15-10:30 | Break |
| 10:30- 12:00 | Work Group Development /Work Group Discussions |
| 12:00-12:30 | Lunch – provided |
| 12:30-1:00 | Early Head Start/Child Care Partnership presentation
Melinda Wade Corso, AWARE Early Childhood Services Director |
| 1:00-2:00 | Work Groups report back |
| 2:00- 2:15 | Break |
| 2:15-2:45 | Work Groups report back |
| 2:45-3:00 | Public Comment |
| 3:00 | Adjourn |

Next Meetings:

- **October 7-8, 2015 –Red Lion Colonial Hotel, Helena**
- **February 2016**
- **June 2016**
- **October 2016**