



CT Office of Early Childhood Parent Cabinet Meeting Agenda

January 27, 2025

6pm-8:00pm

Zoom Meeting

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Mission: *To build strong connections, listen intentionally, and partner with Connecticut families of young children, communities, and OEC to incorporate the expertise of all parents throughout the early childhood system to ensure family-driven equitable policies and programs.*

Co-Facilitators:

Parent Cabinet members Amber Alessandro region 5, Jennifer St. John, Region 6

Meeting Purpose *(Why is this meeting needed?)*:

- To continue to strengthen relationships and communication amongst members, ensure members have tools and information needed to succeed
- Receive parent cabinet input

Intended Outcomes *(What do we want to achieve by the end of this? What will success look like?)*:

- New members have time to connect with existing members
- Members learn about legislative session and the role of OEC and Parent Cabinet
- Members learn about subcommittees and process to be able to join

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
6:00-6:05pm 5 minutes	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting guidelines/group norms reminder• Mission and meeting outcomes	Chenae R, Parent cabinet Coordinator, OEC Amber A., Region 5 Parent Cabinet member
6:05-6:10pm	Ice Breaker poll - slido	Jenn S., Region 6 Parent Cabinet member

5 minutes		
6:10-6:45pm 35 minutes	<p>Commissioner Office Updates & Asks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legislative Session and process Early Start CT 	<p>Amber A., Region 5 Parent Cabinet member</p> <p>Maggie Adair, Communications and Legislative Program Manager, OEC Michelle Cook, Special Advisor to OEC Acting Commissioner Elena Trueworthy</p>
6:45pm-7:15pm 30 minutes 5 minute share out	<p>Regional Breakouts – 2 regions paired together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Share name and town How did you hear about this opportunity and why did you want to be on the Parent Cabinet? What do you see as challenges in this role? What are you most excited about? Elevator speech practice Any questions from new members for existing members? 	Jenn/Amber
7:15-7:40pm 20 minutes	<p>Subcommittee Orientation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Subcommittee overview Staff co-chairs introduction Overview of each subcommittee Questions from members Interest form for members to join at least 1 subcommittee & for Parent Cabinet member co-chairs 	<p>Amber A., Region 5 Parent Cabinet member Chenae Russell, Parent Cabinet Coordinator, OEC Elisabeth Teller, Birth to Three Family Liaison & General Supervision, OEC Coral Wonderly, Data Scientist OEC Laura Bennet, CCDF Quality Project Manager OEC</p>
7:40-7:55pm 15 minutes	<p>Parent Cabinet Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> External Committees questions Parent Ambassador/Parent Cabinet meeting & regional meetings Newsletter Regional mapping 	<p>Jenn S., Region 6 Parent Cabinet member</p> <p>Chenae Russell, Parent Cabinet Coordinator, OEC</p>
7:55-8:00pm	Closing	Jenn & Amber

5 minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Evaluation	
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