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Shared Services Update

Early Childhood Iowa, in collaboration with the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, and with technical assistance from Opportunities Exchange, is working on a multi-phase Shared Services project with proven success in other states. This project is in response to a recommendation in the [Governor's Child Care Task Force Report](#).

Today, we are releasing the [November 2022 Shared Services Public Update](#) (On the [webpage](#), click on the '+' sign to display the updates.) This will be the last monthly shared services update. Project updates will be made available via ECI Stakeholders Alliance and Musings as progress continues.

Webinar Opportunity: Re-Invent vs Re-build: Let's Fix the Child Care System

[Register](#) for the November 9th, 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. CST

COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on the ECE sector. Ensuring that high-quality programs, especially those serving vulnerable children and families, not only survive, but thrive is crucial. This workshop will explore key lessons, identify action steps that could be game changers for the field, and outline how industry leaders can work with the public and private sector to champion a "Child Care Come-Back Plan". Details can also be found on the corresponding [November 9, 2022 date on the Events page](#) of the ECI website. A recording of this webinar will be made and posted to the ECI website via the [Workforce Supports](#) page at a later date. Presenter: Louise Stoney, Co-Founder, Opportunities Exchange

ECI Stakeholders Alliance December 6, 2022 Reminder

The ECI Stakeholders Alliance will meet on [Tuesday, December 6, 2022 from 1:00pm to 3:30pm via Zoom](#). The Alliance is open to anyone who is interested in learning about Iowa's early childhood system is encouraged to attend. The agenda will be focused on current ECI strategic planning efforts as the current 2019-2022 strategic plan is updated for 2023-2026.

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