

February 2023 ECI Monthly Musings

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'We are ECI' 2023-2026 Strategic Plan

On January 6, 2023 the ECI State Board adopted the, 'We are ECI' 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. Here is a <u>link to the ECI Strategic Plan 2023-2026</u>. This plan builds on the plan from 2019-2022 and continues to have a comprehensive and inclusive approach. Early childhood partners will continue to come together to make the system stronger and more impactful for young children, their families and all those who provide services.

February 14, 2023 ECI Stakeholders Alliance

The ECI Stakeholders Alliance will meet on <u>Tuesday, February 14, 2023</u> from 9:00am to 11:00am via Zoom. <u>Register to receive the Zoom link</u>. 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 include an overview of the new strategic plan, an update from the on-going work in the ECI Professional Development groups, an update from the ECI Results Accountability group, an introduction and review of the <u>IA Data Drive</u>, and a local community connection.

ECI FY22 Annual Reports

The ECI FY22 annual reports provide a systems-level annual update with highlights of the work within the early childhood system including early care, education, health, mental health, nutrition, and human service partners. We recognize the importance of relationships and common goals to continually support the early childhood system. Early Childhood Iowa strives to integrate systems thinking and collaboration across our network of partners. This year's highlight features the work that is happening within communities, including the ECI area boards and their many partners.

Child Development Coordinating Council FY22 Legislative Report

The FY22 Child Development Coordinating Council Annual Legislative Report is now available on the Iowa Department of Education's website. This report offers an overview of Shared Visions Programming in FY22 (2021-2022) and outlines the future recommendations of the Child Development Coordinating Council

Shared Visions Programs are state-funded programs serving children ages birth to five and their families who meet identified risk factors. The impact of these grants in FY22 has been summarized in the above report.

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