



Agenda

10/27/2025 1-2:30 pm via Zoom

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Present: Tammy Shoff, Amy Reed, Becky Kichman, Susan Stare, Kim Barbetta, Michelle Stojka, heather Haupt, Lauren Talhelm, Laura Bosley-Kreiger, Alexandra Carrasco Velez, Lisa Watts, Shimera Dennis, Michelle Straw, Lauren Walter, Karen Grubb, Gina Federico, Mabel Koser, Terri Shultz, Chris Trautwein, Christine Hanak, Roma Greenly, Daniel Lidstone, Kelsey Kinney, Dianne Plaza, Amanda Neidig, Mark Evans, Jill Nelson, Karen Weber, Kimberly Lucas, Brittany Stough, Terri Shultz

- 1) **Presentation Jack's Baskets program and 3.21 for Life – Lauren Talhelm** has son and sister with Down Syndrome. Nonprofit formed in 2021. Mission-celebrate individuals with Downs and developmental disabilities. 3.21.26 World Down Syndrome Day-Troegs Independent Brewing in Hershey for families. 3.21 Go! Initiative to encourage members of the our community to meet up, make connections and attend events throughout the year. Accepts volunteers to join and help. Jack's Basket Program-delivers baskets to babies with Downs. Resources, books, baby gifts in the basket. They provide parent connection. Anyone can request for family or request for self before the baby is one year old. Medical outreach—communicating unexpected news training. They reach across US and out of country. Can gather more information on both 3.21 for Life and Jack's Basket Program.
- 2) **Presentation – D&D Journey Children with Disabilities Matter – Shimera Dennis** Mother of 4 children. She's a behavioral supports specialist. David and Davion have special needs. 717.999.1625 900 South Arlington Ave, Suite 132A Harrisburg Support families and collaborating with As You Are. ADHD, Autism and Special needs training and provide IEP navigating. Events for children to interact with other children. Circle of Strength support group 1x monthly that has speakers come to present. Danddjourney07@gmail.com
- 3) **Dr. Daniel Lidstone – Pickleball Pilot program for families Dr. Catherine Mello** also joined. Received grant to see how pickleball can positively affect parents of special needs infants/toddlers. March-late May in Cumberland/Perry (Enola and Mechanicsburg). More information through two facilities to provide court space for classes. They will send a survey to see what times work best for interested parents. They would have some childcare support funds. They are looking at 1x weekly with a facilitator and then continuing without that facilitator.
- 4) **Introductions and updates: Tammy Shoff**-Administrator, Andrea Kepler retired. Position has not yet been filled. Closing out corrections from verification. Jointly with C/P Home visitor safety—11/5 now virtual. 9-11 Domestic/Intimate Partner Violence presented by Tori Madrak from Domestic Violence Services of C/P. 1:00-3p Erin Varley from Dauphin Co District Attorney's Office will be speaking about Human Trafficking.
Susan Stare PT w/ UPMC. Joe Getz retired. Amanda Beamer has taken over. Lauren McMasters and new ST starting next week. **Kim Barbetta** PT w/ Sovia. Kelly Rice had to cancel trip to Morocco. **Michelle Stojka**-CCW Accepting applications. **Laura Bosley-Kreiger**-SW Aspirations Offer SW assistance for families. **Lauren Walter**-PA Keys **Gina Federico**-EITA subscribe to EITA announcements, corner. Reminder that they have information and involvement for parents as well as professionals. <https://www.eita-pa.org/highlighted-trainings/> <https://www.eita-pa.org/> **Dianne Plaza**-IECMHC, **Terri Shultz**-P2P virtual café 11/18 for parents. Need peer supporters. **Becky Kichman**-C/P EI Supervisor **Lisa Watts**-IECMH Supervisor with PA Keys Supporting children in daycares. They are working from home with teleconferences due to the budget situation. 8 consultants total. **Michelle Straw**-CAIU liaison rep/SC **Jill Nelson**-DC EI Supervisor 2 vacancies for SCs and another vacancies. Gigi Garci will be done 11/21. Are interviewing. **Roma Greenly**-Pre-K Counts (covers Northern Dauphin) and other team supports C/P. Agencies are struggling and waiting on budget to be passed. **Shimera Dennis**-presenter/parent D&D Journey is doing Toys for Tots applications. **Karen Weber**-SI with Aspirations. She's encourages parents to look into C2P2 and P2P. **Alexandra**

Carrasco Velez-CAIU SC, TMB evaluator. Dr. Lidstone-participating in C2P2. **Mabel Koser**-Shippensburg Headstart. Working closely with CAIU and B3. **Christine Trautwein** DC EI Supervisor - **Kelsey Kinney**-Behavior By Design supervisor **Amanda Neidig**-UCP Family Support Specialist- Morgan Cassel will speak to families about trusts, wills and other legal items. Tomorrow on Teams. Facebook EIC and UCP main page posting regarding the training. Community Links→community support to help with food assistance. <https://www.community-links.net/> **Mark Evans**-IDD/EI Director for C/P **Kimberly Lucas**-AmeriHealth Care

- 5) **Review and approval July,2025 meeting minutes**
- 6) **Committee Discussions/Tasks**
 - **Children’s Social-Emotional Development – committee leads**
 - Professional Support Subcommittee**-Laura Bosley-Krieger reports birth to 5 years professionals supporting families. J. Gordon presented on Sensory Self Awareness. Working on support for Grief and Loss. Every other month 1-2 virtually on a Tuesday. Gathering information to put on the Community Links site.
 - Family Support Subcommittee**-Becky Kichman reported. Sarah Cooper chairs. They are looking to gather and organize resources to go on Community Links. Working with Dr. Lidstone to partner to provide to families
 - Assessment/Policy subcommittee**-Becky Kichman reported. Looking at screeners for SE supports. Did provider survey and creating SC survey to assess next steps after the screeners are completed.
 - Joint Committee**-meets quarterly.1/23 @ 11:30 virtually
 - **Transition Committee**– Our transition committee consists of C/P, F/F, Y/A and Dauphin Counties B3 leadership, CAIU, Gina Federico (EITA consultant), Marci Walborn (Provider rep). Tammy Shoff We had our annual Transition Roundtable on 9/19 at PaTTAN. We had a great mix of EI professionals and community partners. The morning had a training focus on the differences between B3 and 3-5 CAIU as well as the Transition to Community. Gina Federico began by talking about the EITA website and OCDEL expectations for transition. Amy and I then discussed basics of the B3 side to prepare and assist a family through transition. Marci Walborn then addressed the group to give perspective of the B3 provider’s role in transition. She highlighted a Transition Roadmap that Marci had created as well as the website Community Links. Michelle Straw and Karen Williams talked about CAIU’s responsibilities and answered several questions we had received prior to the roundtable. We ended the morning with a discussion on resources and support for the family. In the afternoon, we had the roundtable discussion where the CAIU Social workers and B3 Rachel Bechtel from Aspirations talked about the differences and similarities for this specialty. Laura Feather, C/P SC and Denise Reninger, DC SC explained the key role of the SC throughout the transition process. The committee fielded questions. There will be follow up Q&A. Our committee is meeting on 12/8 @ 9-11.
 - **Child Find –**
 - **Amy Reed/Becky Kichman**-Kim Tucker Sovia went to library to share EI resources. Storytime at Bosley library to screen and handout EI info. Trunk or Treat in Perry Co. ELECT—teen parents and expecting parents. CAIU website. C/P/D partnering with Rapid Response.
 - **Tammy Shoff**-continued screenings are being offered at Northern Dauphin libraries about every 2-3 months. Baby Buggy event 9/13. Sarah Cooper-Fall Back into Safety at Hsbg schools. Jenna Shovlin attended Children’s Wellness Event 7/29. Two providers asked for material to give to daycares. Rapid Response Conference on 10/13 at PaTTAN
 - **Heather Donovan**—unavailable.
 - **Provider Liaison report – Brittany Stough**
 - **Capital Area Head Start**-Victoria Greg new director. Pilot
 - **FGRBI updates –Amy Reed** CLT Members. Sending another survey. Communication with daycares. Expanding to involve Endorse Coaches. Looked at data from state, expectations. Meet 1x monthly. Next meeting is December.
 - **Tiny Talkers Group – Amy Reed** Infant/toddler/preschool professionals to support use of AAC devices. How can we help? CAIU is having training on AAC for both parents and professionals. Lunch and learn in February on AAC.
- 7) **Agenda Items:** Family survey prep. Starting in January. Annual family survey in EI B-5.
- 8) **State ICC Update-** Family story was Maria Sherbondy talking about her son, Ben. SICC retreat will be at Harrisburg PaTTAN 5/12-5/13. Subcommittee reports: MH, Workforce development, Outreach and Communications Committee and Access and Inclusion. Inglis Self Determination Housing of PA, P2P and Wings for All spoke about their programs. Dr. Kimberly Rode (OCDEL Bureau Director) discussed the OSEP verification results. New is Announcement EI-25-03, EI Complaint procedures and complaint form. There will be changes to the Parents Right Agreement. Postponed Leadership Conference for spring. Next SICC meeting is 12/4/25. SICC information on the EITA portal.

- 9) **EIC Retreat--** has been postponed until spring or fall of 2026. We will review what we've been doing well and what needs to be improved upon. Wanting community partners, parents and EI professionals to support C/P/D families.
- 10) **Look for parent co-chair** for this group. Time commitment is whatever that would like it to be.
- 11) **Adjournment**

Next Meeting Dates (all virtual 1-2:30pm)

1/26/26

4/27/26

Parent Co-Chair, open

Professional Co-Chair, Amy Reed

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