

Local Interagency Coordinating Council (LICC) Meeting Notes

Thursday, November 20, 2025, 6:00-7:30 pm

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Members and guests were welcomed, and introductions were made
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II. Approval of September Minutes

- **Action:** Motion to approve
 - Motion: Beth Boyle
 - Second: Marie Marino
 - **Outcome:** Approved unanimously
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III. Election of Chair & Co-Chair

- **Chair:** Anna Alderete – **Unanimous**
 - **Co-Chair:** Kim Hymes – **Unanimous**
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IV. In Focus: MCITP Referral Trends & Strategies

Guiding Questions:

- How do we increase referrals of children in need of services?
- How can we ensure a welcoming and accessible referral process for all families and providers?

Key Trends

- Statewide decline in referrals (2024–2025)
- 10-year average: **3,201 children** (FY15–FY25)
- FY25: **4% decrease** in children referred to program
- Decrease in birth rates contributes to lower referrals
- Child care providers are required to conduct screenings, but only **3%** of program children are being referred by child care providers
- MOIFSP in effect for 10 years – anecdotal evidence suggests this may be a reason for decline due to complexity of navigating the system
- Referral sources:
 - Physicians: **59%**
 - Parents: **19%**

Outreach Efforts

- Medical, women's health, obstetric practices
- Libraries, community events, health & wellness fairs
- School and early childhood resource fairs

Community & Access Considerations

- **41%** of county residents are English language learners
 - Top languages: Spanish, Chinese, French
- Need culturally responsive outreach and parent support
- Address barriers: overwhelmed parents, cultural stigma, discomfort discussing developmental concerns
- Explore peer-to-peer parent support models, and consider parent outreach and resource specialists
- Identify trusted community messengers and organizations
- Consider county size, mobility of residents, and geographic challenges

- Opportunities to connect with religious and community groups
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VI. Committee Work Session & Reports

a. Family & Community Involvement

- Increased engagement among families already in the program
- Need disaggregated data to understand gaps
- Importance of nontraditional outreach locations and strategies
- Identify potential community partners

b. Inclusive Child Care

- Reviewed prior year's work
- Discussed new outreach campaigns
- Focus on supporting providers in navigating difficult conversations with families
- Emphasized partnering across groups to support both childcare providers and families

c. Nominating Committee

- Identified communities to target for membership
 - Reviewed bylaws and noted vacancies to address
 - Specific attention to the childcare sector for recruitment
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