



## **Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT)**

**Day 1 Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 21, 2024  
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. ET  
Tallahassee, FL**

<b>Member Attendance</b>			
<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Katrina Michel	Parent of child with a disability age 12 or younger		X
Nikki Tilton	Parent of child with a disability age 12 or younger		X
Monica Cantera-Serralta	Parent of child with a disability age 12 or younger	X	
Britt Riner	Parent of child with disability age six or younger	X	
Jordan Gibson	Parent of child with disability age six or younger	X	
Kim Carr	Public/private provider of early intervention services	X	
Rob Porcaro	Public/private provider of early intervention services	X	
Misty Porter	Public/private provider of early intervention services	X	
Lindsey Prato	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X
Annette Eberhart	Public/private provider of early intervention services	X	
Rep. Adam Anderson	Member of the State Legislature	X	
Dr. Patricia Snyder	Member involved in personnel preparation	X	
Andrea Gary	Member from the state agency involved in the provision of, or payment for, early intervention services to infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families	X	
LeNita Winkler	Member of the state education agency responsible for preschool services to children with disabilities	X	



Ann Dalton	Member from the agency responsible for the State Medicaid and CHIP program	X	
Carly Wagoner	Member from the agency responsible for the State regulation of private health insurance	X	
<b>Member Name</b>	<b>Member Seat</b>	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Vacant	Member from a Head Start or Early Head Start agency or program in the State	--	
Vacant	Member of the state welfare agency responsible for children's mental health and foster care	--	
Vacant	Member of the Office of the Coordination of Education of Homeless Children and Youth	--	
Vacant	Member from the state agency responsible for childcare	--	
<b>Guest Attendance</b>			
<b>Guest Name</b>	<b>Affiliation</b>	<b>Present In-Person</b>	<b>Present Virtually</b>
Dusty Stern	Florida Department of Health	X	
Jessica Meyer	Florida Department of Health	X	
Emily Keeney	Florida Department of Health	X	
Robert French	Florida Department of Health	X	
Angela Marcus	Florida Department of Health	X	
Ken McCain	Florida Department of Health	X	
Dane Nelson	Florida Department of Health	X	
Sherry Korokous	Florida Department of Health	X	
Jennifer Canfield	Florida Department of Health	X	
Sandy Noel	Florida Department of Health	X	
Lori Sever	Florida Department of Health	X	
Annalise Campisi	Bay Area Early Steps	X	
Ray Romano	North Dade Early Steps	X	
Katrina Ressa	Florida School for the Deaf and Blind	X	



Kacy Florack	Early Steps	X	
Ashley Murray	Western Panhandle Early Steps	X	
Celica Coleman	Florida Department of Health		X
Daisy King	Florida Department of Health		X
Anna Dungey	Florida Department of Health		X
Robert French	Florida Department of Health		X
Leila Jett	Florida Department of Health		X
Angela Marcus	Florida Department of Health		X
Marie Mathis	Florida Department of Health		X
Haylie Mistrot	Florida Department of Health		X
Sandy Noel	Florida Department of Health		X
Monica Paris	Florida Department of Health		X
Kimberly Porter	Florida Department of Health		X
Natasha Rich	Florida Department of Health		X
Reneeka Rogers	Florida Department of Health		X
Marisol Rose	Florida Department of Health		X
Rashena Itwaru-Womack	Florida Department of Health		X
Ellie Schrot	Broward Health		X
Kim Werner	Broward Health		X
Juliana Melara	Children's Home Society		X
Tani Thompson	Children's Home Society		X
Marissa Barrera	Easter Seals Florida		X
Olabisi Baruwa-Castro	Easter Seals Florida		X
Stephanie Ellis Clark	Easter Seals Florida		X
Natalie Eno	Easter Seals Florida		X
Jana Khoury	Easter Seals Florida		X
Talli Menchion	Easter Seals Florida		X
Beverly Montgomery	Easter Seals Florida		X
Betzaida Roman	Easter Seals Florida		X
Maria Cadigan	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Ruthie Foust	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X



Brian Hemmert	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Jessie Moore	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Anna Pedraza	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Trina Puddefoot	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Laila Johnson	Orlando Health		X
Rose Lumm	Orlando Health		X
Kathleen Riley	Orlando Health		X
Shelli Buckley	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Susan McCain	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Nicki Phillips-Wright	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Kendy Piper	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Madie Kenworthy	Sunny Pediatric Services		X
Sharon Hennessy	University of Florida		X
April Leopold	University of Florida Jacksonville		X
Erica Amerson	University of South Florida		X
Evelyn Figueroa	University of South Florida		X
Emily Shaffer	University of South Florida		X
Kacy Florack	Unknown		X
Mari Therrien	Unknown		X



## Minutes

### **Call to Order —** *Misty Porter, FICCIT Chair*

Misty Porter called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m. ET and completed Council member roll call. An agenda overview was provided. The Council reviewed the September meeting minutes. Monica Cantera-Serralta motioned to approve the minutes with no edits; Dr. Pat Snyder seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objection.

### **Voices From the Field —** *Ashley Murray, Family Resource Specialist, West Central Early Steps*

Ashley Murray shared her family's experience with early intervention services. She discussed that the Florida Early Steps Program had a positive impact for her family.

### **Public Awareness —** *Jessica Meyer, Part C Program Coordinator, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Meyer provided an overview of the Early Steps Public Awareness efforts. She discussed previous efforts, the current campaign led by the Early Steps State Office, as well as future plans. Council members asked questions regarding the Public Awareness efforts. Early Steps staff members provided additional information in response to Council member questions.

### **Lunch**

Council members took a break for lunch beginning at 11:48 p.m. The Council returned and resumed business at 1:53 p.m.

### **Early Steps Funding and Allocation —** *Jessica Meyer, Part C Program Coordinator, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Meyer presented on the Early Steps funding structure, including the amount of funding received from state and federal sources. Council members asked questions about the Early Steps funding sources. Early Steps staff members provided additional information in response to Council member questions.

### **Local Early Steps Contracts and Monitoring —** *Jessica Meyer, Dane Nelson, and Angela Marcus, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Meyer, Dane Nelson, and Angela Marcus presented information on the Local Early Steps contracts and monitoring activities. They discussed how funds are allocated to the local offices and spending restrictions. The team also shared the monitoring process for Local Early Steps, including monthly and annual reports throughout the contract period. Council members asked questions about the procurement process and opportunities to increase funds. Early Steps staff members provided additional information in response to Council member questions.

**Closing and Next Day Logistics — *Misty Porter, FICCIT Chair***

Misty Porter shared that the Council would reconvene for the second day of the meeting the next day at 9:00 a.m. in the same location.

**Adjournment**

Following the closing announcements, Representative Adam Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting for the day; LeNita Winkler seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objection and the Council adjourned the meeting for the day at 4:04 p.m.



## **Florida Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers (FICCIT)**

**Day 2 Meeting Minutes  
Friday, November 22, 2024  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. ET  
Tallahassee, FL**

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Nikki Tilton	Parent of child with a disability age 12 or younger		X
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Misty Porter	Public/private provider of early intervention services	X	
Lindsey Prato	Public/private provider of early intervention services		X
Annette Eberhart	Public/private provider of early intervention services	X	
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LeNita Winkler	Member of the state education agency responsible for preschool services to children with disabilities	X	



Ann Dalton	Member from the agency responsible for the State Medicaid and CHIP program	X	
Carly Wagoner	Member from the agency responsible for the State regulation of private health insurance	X	
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Dusty Stern	Florida Department of Health	X	
Jessica Meyer	Florida Department of Health	X	
Emily Keeney	Florida Department of Health	X	
Jessica Wilmer	Florida Department of Health	X	
Robert French	Florida Department of Health	X	
Ken McCain	Florida Department of Health	X	
Marie Mathis	Florida Department of Health	X	
Dane Nelson	Florida Department of Health	X	
Kim Porter	Florida Department of Health	X	
Jen Canfield	Florida Department of Health	X	
Sandy Noel	Florida Department of Health	X	
Annalise Campisi	Bay Area Early Steps	X	
Ray Romano	North Dade Early Steps	X	
Katrina Ressa	Florida School for the Deaf and Blind	X	





Anna Dungey	Florida Department of Health		X
Tiffany Harris	Florida Department of Health		X
Leila Jett	Florida Department of Health		X
Shereka Korokous	Florida Department of Health		X
Angela Marcus	Florida Department of Health		X
Haylie Mistrot	Florida Department of Health		X
Monica Paris	Florida Department of Health		X
Kimberly Porter	Florida Department of Health		X
Natasha Rich	Florida Department of Health		X
Marisol Rose	Florida Department of Health		X
Juliana Melara	Children's Home Society		X
Marissa Barrera	Easter Seals Florida		X
Olabisi Baruwa-Castro	Easter Seals Florida		X
Jana Khoury	Easter Seals Florida		X
Talli Menchion	Easter Seals Florida		X
Beverly Montgomery	Easter Seals Florida		X
Marianela Reyes	Easter Seals Florida		X
Betzaida Roman	Easter Seals Florida		X
Maria Cadigan	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Ruthie Foust	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Brian Hemmert	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Jessie Moore	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Anna Pedraza	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Trina Puddefoot	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Karol Verdone	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Rose Lumm	Orlando Health		X
Susan McCain	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Nicki Phillips-Wright	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Kendy Piper	Space Coast Early Steps		X



Madie Kenworthy	Sunny Pediatric Services		X
Erica Amerson	University of South Florida		X
Kacy Florack	Unknown		X



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### **Call to Order —** *Misty Porter, FICCIT Chair*

Misty Porter called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m. ET and completed Council member roll call. An agenda overview was provided.

### **Service Coordinator —** *Jessica Wilmer, Program Analyst II, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Wilmer presented an overview of the Service Coordinator role and responsibilities. She shared that the role is multi-faceted and provides pivotal support to families throughout their time in the Early Steps Program. Council members asked questions about the Service Coordinator role and responsibilities. Early Steps staff members provided additional information in response to Council member questions.

### **State Updates —** *Jessica Meyer, Part C Program Coordinator, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Meyer shared status updates of current and upcoming projects the Department is working on, including the Data System, Rate Study, and Program Evaluation. Council members requested updates regarding the new data systems ability to create dashboards. Staff members stated they would bring updates regarding anticipated data system functionality to an upcoming meeting.

### **Public Comment**

No public comments were shared.

### **Closing and Next Steps —** *Misty Porter, FICCIT Chair*

Misty Porter shared closing announcements.

### **Adjournment**

Following the closing announcements, Monica Cantera-Serralta motioned to adjourn the meeting for the day; LeNita Winkler seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objection and the Council adjourned the meeting for the day at 11:59 a.m.