



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

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, June 12, 2025**  
**9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. ET**  
**Virtual**

<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	
Member Name	Member Seat	Present	Absent
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	--	
Guest Attendance			
Guest Name	Affiliation	Present In-Person	Present Virtually
Dusty Stern	Florida Department of Health		X
Jessica Meyer	Florida Department of Health		X
Jennifer Canfield	Florida Department of Health		X
Robert French	Florida Department of Health		X
Liz Gonzalez	Florida Department of Health		X
Tiffany Harris	Florida Department of Health		X
Sue Herbert	Florida Department of Health		X
Leila Jett	Florida Department of Health		X
Emily Keeney	Florida Department of Health		X
Sherry Korokous	Florida Department of Health		X
Angela Marcus	Florida Department of Health		X
Marie Mathis	Florida Department of Health		X
Matt Miller	Florida Department of Health		X
Haylie Mistrot	Florida Department of Health		X



Monica Paris	Florida Department of Health		X
Marisol Rose	Florida Department of Health		X
Jessica Wilmer	Florida Department of Health		X
Kelsey Krueger	Agency for Healthcare Administration		X
Jane Stearns	Ascension		X
Mindy Stultz	Ascension		X
Kathy Carroll	Broward Health		X
Ellie Schrot	Broward Health		X
Kim Werner	Broward Health		X
Kimberlee Spencer	Childhood Interventions		X
Ashley Grooms	Children's Home Society		X
Juliana Melara	Children's Home Society		X
Marissa Barrera	Easter Seals Florida		X
Stephanie Ellis	Easter Seals Florida		X
Angie Gonzalez	Easter Seals Florida		X
Jana Khoury	Easter Seals Florida		X
Claudia Lawler	Easter Seals Florida		X
Tina Cordell	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Afton Gillis	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
Paula Burns	Johns Hopkins University		X
Jill Rigsby	Public Consulting Group, LLC.		X
Renee Tebow	Public Consulting Group, LLC.		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
Debbi Nicolosi	University of Central Florida		X



Cinda Clark	University of Florida		X
Jennifer Harrington	University of Florida		X
Kellie Chestnut	University of Florida Jacksonville		X
Michelle Berkovitz	University Of Miami		X
Ray Rodriguez	University of Miami		X
Annalise Campisi	University of South Florida		X
E Renae	Unknown		X



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

Misty Porter called the meeting to order at 9:11 a.m. ET and completed Council member roll call. An agenda overview was provided. The Council reviewed the November and February meeting minutes. Rob Porcaro motioned to approve the minutes with no edits; Britt Riner seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objection.

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

Jessica Meyer shared status updates of current and upcoming Early Steps State Office (ESSO) projects, including the Data System, Rate Study, Program Evaluation, and updated Professional Development trainings. Jessica Meyer discussed the data requests from Council members and provided information. Jessica Meyer stated that Florida has not yet received this year's determination status from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP). She stated that the re-procurement process for the Local Early Steps has been completed. Council members asked questions regarding the procurement process; ESSO staff members provided additional information in response to Council member questions. Jessica Meyer shared information about the recently passed legislation, Senate Bill 112, which includes the Early Steps Extended Option.

### **Transition from Early Steps —** *LeNita Winkler, State Lead for Prekindergarten, Florida Department of Education, and Debbi Nicolosi, TATS Project Director, University of Central Florida*

Debbi Nicolosi and LeNita Winkler co-presented on the process of transitioning from IDEA Part C to IDEA, Part B services. The presenters discussed the eligibility criteria, services provided, and process of entry into IDEA Part B services. The presenters shared resources, including state and federal regulations guiding the process.

### **Lunch**

Council members took a break for lunch beginning at 11:02 a.m. The Council returned and resumed business at 1:04 p.m.

### **Council Discussion Time —** *Jessica Meyer, Part C Program Coordinator, Florida Department of Health*

Jessica Meyer introduced two topics for Council discussion, subcommittees and agenda options. Jessica proposed three subcommittees: Child and Family Outcomes Subcommittee, Child Find and Public Awareness Subcommittee, and Quality and Accountability Subcommittee. She shared the subcommittees would not require an additional time commitment, as the subcommittees would meet during the regularly scheduled Council meetings, and each Council member would be on a



subcommittee. Jessica Meyer shared four proposed agenda options, which had options that would accommodate subcommittees if elected. Council members discussed the benefits of subcommittees. Andrea Gary motioned to approve the implementation of subcommittees; Monica Cantera-Serralta seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion. The Council discussed the agenda options for future Council meetings that would accommodate subcommittees. Amanda Tilton motioned to approve Agenda Option 2, with meetings alternating between in-person, longer meetings and shorter, virtual meetings. She clarified that the motion allows the Council to determine whether the in-person meetings would be 1 or 1.5 days, depending on Council needs. Monica Cantera-Serralta seconded the motion. The Council unanimously approved the motion. The Council then discussed an implementation timeline for subcommittees and meeting cadence. The Council amended the schedule for the August 2025 Council meeting; it will be a shorter, virtual meeting. The Council decided to maintain the December meeting as a 1.5 day in person meeting in Tampa. The new subcommittees and agenda schedule will go live starting 2026.

#### **Public Comment**

Dr. Trina Puddefoot shared a public comment regarding the complexities of the Department of Health procurement process from the perspective of a Local Early Steps. Council members further discussed the procurement process.

#### **Closing and Logistics — 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; Rob Porcaro seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objection and the Council adjourned the meeting for the day at 2:18 p.m.

#### **Meeting Voting Summary**

The Council unanimously approved implementing Council subcommittees. The Council unanimously approved implementing a new schedule of alternating in-person and virtual meetings.