



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

Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 28, 2025  
1:00 – 4:30 p.m. ET  
Virtual

Member Attendance			
Member Name	Member Seat	Present	Absent
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	
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 of the State Legislature	--	
Vacant	Member from the state agency responsible for childcare	--	

### Guest Attendance

<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
Jennifer Canfield	Florida Department of Health		X
Anna Dungey	Florida Department of Health		X
Liz Gonzalez	Florida Department of Health		X
Tiffany Harris	Florida Department of Health		X
Leila Jett	Florida Department of Health		X
Emily Keeney	Florida Department of Health		X
Angela Marcus	Florida Department of Health		X
Marie Mathis	Florida Department of Health		X
Ken McCain	Florida Department of Health		X
Haylie Mistrat	Florida Department of Health		X
Sandy Noel	Florida Department of Health		X
Reneeka Rogers	Florida Department of Health		X
Marisol Rose	Florida Department of Health		X
Herbert Sue	Florida Department of Health		X



Johnny Thompson	Florida Department of Health		X
Jessica Wilmer	Florida Department of Health		X
Joseph Helton	Agency for Healthcare Administration		X
Kelsey Krueger	Agency for Healthcare Administration		X
Steve Stearly	Ascension Sacred Heart		X
Ellen Schrot	Broward Health		X
Kim Werner	Broward Health		X
Juliana Melara	Children's Home Society		X
Marissa Barrera	Easter Seals Florida		X
Olabisi Baruwa-Castro	Easter Seals Florida		X
Stephanie Ellia	Easter Seals Florida		X
Natalie Eno	Easter Seals Florida		X
Jhana Khoury	Easter Seals Florida		X
Claudia Lawler	Easter Seals Florida		X
Betzaida Roman	Easter Seals Florida		X
Kimberly Singer	Florida Department of Education		X
Maria Cadigan	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Mokina Castro	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Tina Cordell	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Anna Marie Pedraza	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Trina Puddefoot	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Katie Ritz	Health Planning Council of Southwest Florida		X
Paula Burns	Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital		X
Lee Lawson	University of St. Augustine for Health Sciences		X
Rose Lumm	Orlando Health		X
Amanda Dunlap	PCG, LLC.		X
Zane Wyrick	PCG, LLC.		X
Shelli Buckley	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Nicki Phillips-Wright	Space Coast Early Steps		X



Kendy Piper	Space Coast Early Steps		X
Kae Gutierrez	University of Florida		X
Michelle Berkovitz	University of Miami		X
Erica Amerson	University of South Florida		X
Annalise Campisi	University of South Florida		X
Emily Shaffer	University of South Florida		X

## Minutes

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

Misty Porter called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m. ET and completed Council member roll call. An agenda overview was provided. The Council reviewed the June meeting minutes. Monica Cantera-Serralta motioned to approve the minutes with no edits; Andrea Gary seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objection.

### **Voices from the Field — Natalie Eno, Family Resource Specialist, Treasure Coast Early Steps**

Natalie Eno shared her family's experience with early intervention services. She discussed that Early Intervention had a positive impact for her family. Britt asked Natalie if her Local Early Steps (LES) program communicated with families via newsletter. Natalie stated that all LESs have been asked to pause sending newsletters to families at this time. Jessica Meyer clarified that the Early Steps State Office is developing a standardized template of communications for the local Early Steps Programs.

### **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 clearinghouse fiscal services, Data System, Rate Study, Program Evaluation, Federal Grant and Determination Status, and Early Steps Extended Option. Jessica Meyer discussed the upcoming Council meetings and recommended that in 2026, the in-person Council meetings be held in February and August, with the May and November meetings being held virtually. The council accepted the recommendation with no objection. Britt Riner asked if the ESSO is considering providing music therapy as a covered service. Rob Porcaro stated that his LES has providers who are trained in music therapy and can provide this service. Jessica Meyer stated that there are several LESs that have this capacity and that while it is not implemented at a state level at this time, the state will explore it further.

### **Medicaid and Early Steps — Ann Dalton, Assistant Deputy Secretary for Medicaid Policy and Quality, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration**

Ann Dalton presented on the federal and state implementation of Medicaid. Ann discussed the program funding, size, population, delivery systems, rate setting, and benefits. Rob Porcaro shared that providers at the local level have challenges with navigating billing with the Medicaid managed care plans. He stated that the number of denials for Medicaid payments makes provider retention difficult. Ann requested that he share additional information so that the Florida Agency for Health Care Administration (AHCA) can investigate issues and provide streamlined solutions.



**Medicaid and Early Steps — *Leila Jett, Data Analytics and Policy Unit Supervisor, Florida Department of Health***

Leila Jett presented on collaboration between Medicaid and Early Steps, including services covered by Medicaid. She discussed the ongoing commitment from both AHCA and Early Steps to streamlining Early Steps services and addressing provider needs.

**Public Comment**

No public comments were shared.

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

Misty Porter shared closing announcements.

**Adjournment**

Following the closing announcements, Andrea Gary motioned to adjourn the meeting for the day; Katrina Michel seconded the motion. The motion passed with no objection and the Council adjourned the meeting for the day at 3:05 p.m.

**Meeting Voting Summary**

The Council approved the June Meeting Minutes with no objection.