

Early Childhood Advisory Council

General Information

October 2010

Objective - To develop a committee structure, including internal and external participants, to accomplish the goals outlined in the ECAC work plan. The committees include:

- ❖ Early Care and Education
- ❖ Family Support
- ❖ Comprehensive Health
- ❖ Special Needs/Early Intervention
- ❖ Communications
- ❖ Needs Assessment (Ad hoc)
- ❖ Accountability-Data systems (Ad hoc)

Committee Structure

- ❖ Each committee will be chaired by a member of the Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council (For more information, please visit www.build-ohio.org).
- ❖ Each Early Childhood Cabinet agency will have a space, if interested, on each of the seven committees.
- ❖ Each committee will have approximately 20-25 members. (The chairs of the Child Care Advisory Council will be asked to serve as automatic members of the Early Care and Education Committee and the chairs of the Help Me Grow Advisory Council and the State Advisory Panel on Exceptional Children will be asked to serve as automatic members of the Special Needs/Early Intervention Committee).
- ❖ The Executive Committee of the ECAC will include all chairs of the committees and be responsible for coordinating any cross-committee discussions and/or work.

Application Process/Timeline

- ❖ ECAC will utilize an application process to recruit and identify members of the workgroups.
- ❖ www.build-ohio.org will be utilized as the data entry point for the applications.
- ❖ State staff will not have to apply via the website, if they are selected by their Director to serve on the committee. If additional state staff, not filling the agency designated slot, are interested in participating on a committee they will need to complete the application process on the Build website.
- ❖ Descriptions of each of the committees will be available on the website for people to use during the process.
- ❖ Chairs of the committees will assist with the selection process of team members.
- ❖ Timeline
 - October 29, 2010 - Applications will be posted on the Build website
 - November 19, 2010 - Application submission period ends
 - Week of November 21 - Application reviewed
 - Week of December 5 - Applicants notified
 - January/February 2011- Committees begin to meet

Terms/Time Commitment

- ❖ Committee members will be asked to serve a 2-year term that will tentatively begin in January 2011.
- ❖ Members can serve up to two consecutive terms.
- ❖ Each committee member will randomly select a 1-year term or 2-year term during the first meeting. This will allow for staggered terms to ensure continuity of the membership.
- ❖ At a minimum, committee members should expect to meet (in person or via phone) at least once per month. The frequency and location of meetings will be determined by the committee chair and committee members.

Confirmation - Once the committee members are selected and assigned to a committee, a confirmation letter will be sent via email. We will make every effort to place you on the committee you have selected. Committees will be constructed to include a diverse representation from within the field.

Other Opportunities

- ❖ If you are interested in working on Ohio's early childhood professional development system, please consider joining the Ohio Professional Development Network. Information can be obtained by visiting www.opdn.org.
- ❖ If you are interested in receiving regular e-mail updates regarding developments, events and information on Ohio's early childhood development system, please sign up at http://www.build-ohio.org/get_updates.html.