

State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC) | Virtual Meeting

Date: Wednesday, Apr 17, 2024

Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Role & Purpose

In order to carry out its mission, the Council shall advise and assist the State Lead Agency, and the other participating state agencies, on a broad range of policy and coordination issues. The SICC will promote an appreciation for the needs of children that have or are at risk for developmental delays or disabilities and will gain an understanding of the services required to address those needs.

Group Agreements

- State your name each time you speak,
- Speak slowly– this helps our note-taker and interpreters,
- Avoid using acronyms and jargon,
- Be patient with one another as we practice Robert’s Rules of Order,
- Teams Do’s and Don’ts (Will),
- For Technical Assistance, please text Will Moncrease, Jr. at 564-999-0449, or email will.moncrease@dcyf.wa.gov.

Agenda

Native Land Acknowledgement

9 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. | Welcome & Introductions, SICC Chair Danna Summers

Welcome members, review and approve previous meeting minutes and today’s agenda.

9:30 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. | Parent Stories: (Parent Speakers TBA)

Families will share their experience with receiving ESIT services during the COVID-19 pandemic with the council. Members will have an opportunity to ask questions and gain additional insights.

9:50 a.m. – 10 a.m. | SICC Member Spotlight: Michelle LaMotte | Co-Owner, Pediatric Occupational Therapist at Stepping Stones Pediatric Therapy, PLLC

10 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. | Break

10:10 a.m. -11:30 | What I wish our Early Supports Team had known about robust high-tech AAC

Cass Griffin Bennett is an autistic and ADHD self-advocate. She is a parent of multiple autistic children, including a young multimodal communicator. She knows firsthand that AAC can change lives. Cass started her youngest child on robust high-tech AAC at age 2. She stepped into the Outreach Coordinator role because she wishes she had known about NWACS when first



embarking on this AAC quest. She hopes that sharing her family's Toddler AAC experience will decrease gatekeeping. Cass wants to empower parents to take an active role in their child's AAC journey.

Cass is passionate about early access to robust high-tech AAC, collaborative problem-solving, equity, neurodiversity, and inclusion. Her guiding goal in parenting is to raise her children to be their own best self-advocates. Cass has a career background in professional services business development and a degree in Psychology.

11:30 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. | Break

11:40 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. | PAVE, Yasmeen Butler, Dee Bosworth & Minah West

Learn about [PAVE](#) services, supports and trainings for family, youth groups and programs.

PAVE Team Bios

Dee Bosworth (she/her) is a dedicated military spouse and the mother of a twice-exceptional child with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Attention Deficit Hyperactive Disorder (ADHD). Her personal experience and passion for supporting military families led her to join STOMP (Specialized Training of Military Parents) at PAVE, where she now serves as the Assistant Program Director. In this role, Dee develops and delivers comprehensive training that promotes military cultural competence and equitable access to support through state, federal, and community-based programs. In addition to her work with STOMP, Dee serves as the PAVE Helpline Coordinator, connecting individuals with disabilities, their families, and professionals with essential support and resources.

Dee is deeply involved in her community and state as a NAMI Homefront Teacher and State Trainer, a graduate of Florida Partners in Policymaking, and a Community Leader for American Military Families Autism Support. She has also served on local educational and policy advocacy boards fostering meaningful community participation for individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and improving access to care for persons living with mental illness. Dee earned a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, focusing on Legal Studies, and a Paralegal Certificate from California State University, Chico.

Minah West (she/her) has professionally worked in early childhood development for over 29 years in teaching families & children (aged birth to five), coaching for parents/caregivers and early learning professionals, training in Universal Developmental Screening (UDS), child development program creation, and facilitation of parent education programs. She is dedicated to family support services for underserved and marginalized communities, with an emphasis on Black and African American families in King and Pierce counties, with and without disabilities. At PAVE, Minah serves as the Pierce Parent to Parent(P2P) Coordinator where she delivers support services to parents and caregivers of children with a developmental disability and/or

special healthcare needs. As the P2P Coordinator, she provides community education, emotional support groups, trainings, and opportunities for parents/caregivers and self-advocates to connect with local resources.

In addition to her role at PAVE, Minah created the ICCFS 1..2..3 Jump Kindergarten Readiness Program generously funded by Best Starts for Kids. This program helps parents successfully transition their 3–5-year-olds into kindergarten by providing early intervention and school readiness home visiting services to underserved Black/African American and Spanish speaking families, with and without disabilities. Minah holds a M.Ed. degree in Curriculum and Instruction- Early Childhood Education and is mother to four outstanding children, two with autism, sensory processing disorder, and ADHD.

12:20 p.m. - 12:30 p.m. | Public Comment

This time is set aside for the audience to state comments and share feedback on the SICC meeting overall. If the individual providing comment would like their comment to be included in the meeting minutes, they must provide a written summary to Community Collaboration Coordinator, E Renae` Antalan erenae.antalan@dcyf.wa.gov

12:30 p.m. -1: p.m. | Lunch

1 p.m. - 1:50 p.m. | Committee & Agency Updates

This is an opportunity for SICC state agency representatives to share insights, request advice/assistance from the council, and make announcements of upcoming events/activities.

1:50 p.m. – 2 p.m. | Break

2 p.m. – 2:40 p.m. | Legislative Update & Celebration, Stephanie Budrus

2:40– 2:45 p.m. | Public Comments

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2:45-3 p.m. | Evaluation & Wrap Up | SICC Chair Danna Summers

Council Members will have an opportunity to share their input on the day and make recommendations for future meeting topics.

Next SICC Meeting:

Wednesday, July 17, 2024, | In-Person Colville, WA