

# Dept. of Children, Youth & Families

## Early Support for Infants & Toddlers (ESIT) Program

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### State Interagency Coordinating Council (SICC)

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

9 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.

#### Meeting Minutes

#### 9 – 9:30 a.m. | Welcome & Introductions | SICC Chair E Renae` Antalan

- E Renae` Antalan, SICC Chair, welcomed meeting attendees and gave her visual description
- Group meeting agreements reviewed by E Renae` Antalan
- Will Moncrease, Jr., ESIT Partnership & Collaboration Manager, shared zoom meeting do's and don'ts and keyboard shortcuts
- Group agreements shared by E Renae` Antalan
- Brian Frisina, ESIT Tribal Specialist, expressed gratitude and led the Native Land Acknowledgment.
- E Renae` Antalan, SICC Chair, conducted roll call, SICC members each gave land acknowledgement, descriptive introductions and bonus question: *what animal would you be?*
- Motion: SICC member, Beth Krehbiel, moved to approve the *February 2023 Meeting minutes* and *April 2023 agenda*, seconded (by member Sheryl Fryberg), SICC members voted and approved unanimously.

#### 9:30 – 9:57 a.m. | Parent Stories: ESIT Services & PIE Introduction (Cohort 5)

Will Moncrease, Jr., ESIT Partnership & Collaboration Manager, introduced PIE member, Anne Wang-Annanie. She spoke to her experiences receiving ESIT services for her unilaterally deaf son, and shared changes she would like to see within ESIT services to improve the parents' experiences, in: receiving services, getting answers to important questions and making processes and making the system easier to navigate. Especially for families and children who are multi-lingual and multi-cultural, and there are not always providers who can fully connect, since those providers often do not speak the same languages as the families or know fluent American sign language.

Members had an opportunity to ask questions and gain additional insights.

#### 9:57 – 10:02 a.m. | Break

#### 10:02 – 11 a.m. | Micro-Training: Anne Stone, MA, MPA | Washington Fatherhood Council Director | [Anne Stone](#)

Anne Stone, Washington Father Council Director and Early Childhood Innovation Director at the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Economic Services Administration, introduced herself, gave a physical description, land acknowledgement and shared a presentation exploring what we know about dads to have a deeper conversation about fatherhood inclusion in a family setting.

Tui Shelton, a father, caregiver, and fatherhood advocate, shared his real-life experiences and insights



on fatherhood: the relationship with his own father and how it affected him growing up, challenges in his own life dealing with harmful societal biases toward fathers and his own personal journey as a father. Members had an opportunity to ask questions and gain additional insights. Tui answered questions and shared his thoughts on: how to help fathers to feel more involved and welcomed in the early learning setting and how providers can help make father-centric events and more inclusive environments for dads, starting with providers not immediately assuming the father isn't an equal co-parent to their child or the primary parent/caregiver.

**“I wish fathers knew that their role upbringing their kids is just as important as the mother’s.” - Tui Shelton**

View full presentation here: [Fathers Matter for Child and Family Wellbeing](#)

**11 a.m. – 11:10 a.m. | Break**

**11:10 – 11:44 a.m. Micro-Training: Continued**

*Father Friendly Principles Poll* was launched and the group voted on their **top three** out of 5 **topics** to discuss in smaller breakout groups and all together as a large group:

- 1. Promote co-parenting for better outcomes for children and families**
- 2. Recruit, train, and retain staff that better reflect the communities we serve**
- 3. Recognize, address individual and system biases**
4. Lived experiences in the design of programs and policies
5. Increase fatherhood service capacity

**Shared resources**

- Contest: [Kids Voices Spotlight - 2023 Fatherhood Summit](#)
- Video: [Toddler's Priceless Reaction to Her First Summer Rain with Daddy!](#)
- Events: Dad Allies: [Provider Learning Series](#)
- Photo bank: [Fatherhood Photo Bank](#)

**11:45 a.m. | Public Comment**

No public comment.

**11:45 a.m. -12 p.m. Committee Updates**

The SICC committee chairs and agency representatives had the opportunity to verbally shared updates:

- Laurie Thomas, ESIT: Upcoming Grant Application Public Comment date
- Sheryl Fryberg, Tulalip, Tribal Representative: Update about need for families to have better, more frequent access to services for their children.
- Shellea Quillen, HCA
  - [www.wahealthplanfinder.org](http://www.wahealthplanfinder.org)

**12 – 12:30 p.m. | Lunch Break**

**12:30 – 12:44 p.m. | Agency Updates/Continued Committee Updates**

SICC state agency representatives continued to share updates:

- Ryan Guzman, OSPI
  - [April 2023 ESCS Updates](#)
  - [Larger OSPI agency update](#), including our legislative update on [SHB 5311](#) relating fully funding special education.
  - Sharing a recent finding relating to restraint and isolation: [Justice Department Secures Agreement with Washington School District to Remedy Discriminatory Seclusion and Restraint Practices](#)
- Beth Krehbiel, DSHS
  - Tracking [HB 1188](#): Concerning individuals with developmental disabilities that have also received child welfare services.
- Jen Chong-Jewell (SEAC):
  - [SEAC Update](#)
  - Two recommendations SEAC formalized for the legislative session:
    - [SHB 5311](#): Fully funding Special Education
    - [SB 5559](#): Eliminating the use of restraint and isolation in WA Schools
    - [Coming into the Light: An Examination of Restraint and Isolation Practices in Washington Schools](#)

**Shared Resources**

- [Purple Up! For more about Month of the Military Child](#)
- [Workshops and Webinars](#)
- [2023 State Teacher of the Year](#)

**12:45 p.m. | Public Comment**

No public comment.

**12:45 p.m. – 12:50 p.m. | Evaluation & Wrap Up**

Each SICC Member had an opportunity to share their input on the day and last remarks.

**Next SICC Meeting:**

TBD | In-person