



# Early Childhood Advisory Council

## New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

March 19, 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Location: The Empire State Plaza, Albany, NY, Meeting Rooms 2-3

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenters	Time
<b>Welcome &amp; Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introductions</li> <li>• NYS Early Childhood Leadership &amp; Policy Summit, May 18-19, Albany</li> <li>• Vaccine Guidance for Young Children - Nathan Graber, NYS Department of Health</li> <li>• Strong Starts Court Initiative Update - Kelly Dodd, United Way of New York State (ECAC Representative)</li> <li>• ECAC Statute Review - Elana Marton, NYS Council on Children &amp; Families</li> </ul>	Patty Persell & Dona Anderson	10:30 am - 11:00 am
<b>Governor's Office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State Budget Update:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Peter Hatch, Deputy Secretary for Human Services &amp; Mental Hygiene, Office of the Governor</li> <li>○ Avery Cohen, Assistant Secretary for Human Services &amp; Mental Hygiene, Office of the Governor</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Peter Hatch & Avery Cohen	11:00 am - 11:15 am
<b>State Agency Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NYS Education Department, Office of Early Learning</li> <li>• NYS Office of Children and Family Services, Division of Child Care Services</li> <li>• NYS Department of State, Office of New Americans</li> <li>• NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Early Intervention</li> </ul>	Erik Sweet Nora Yates Laura Gonzalez-Murphy Ray Pierce	11:15 am - 12:00 pm
<b>Advocacy Updates</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early Childhood Advocacy Updates</li> </ul>	Brigit Hurley	12:00 pm - 12:15 pm
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Networking Lunch on your own 12:15 pm- 1:15 pm</b>  <b>Quick Field Trip to The Empire State Museum</b> (located at the end of the Empire Plaza)  <b>Fashion &amp; Faith: Hats of the Great Migration</b> – Stephanie Woodard will give a guided tour to those interested</p>			

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<b>Committee Worktime</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Develop 2026 Recommendations List</li><li>• Use ECAC Recommendation Screener Tool</li></ul>	Committee Co-Leads	1:15 pm - 2:45 pm
<b>Committee Report Outs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Committees with recommendation topics to share will present to the full ECAC for reflections and discussion</li></ul>	Committee Co-Leads	2:45 pm - 3:15 pm
<b>Next Steps</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Next Steps</li><li>• Closing Remarks</li></ul>	Dona Anderson & Patty Persell	3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

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