



Early Childhood Advisory Council

New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

June 11, 2026 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenters	Time
Welcome & Announcements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions • NYS Council on Children and Families Update • Federal Head Start Update • Robin Hood Update- Kelly Escobar, Robin Hood Foundation • Core Body of Knowledge rollout update • NY Partnership for Dental Therapy- Dede Hill, Schuyler Center for Analysis and Advocacy, Inc. 	Patty Persell & Dona Anderson	10:30 am – 11:00 am
Governor’s Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State Budget Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Avery Cohen, Assistant Secretary for Human Services & Mental Hygiene, Office of the Governor 	Avery Cohen	11:00 am – 11:15 am
Quality Impact Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Child Care, Office of Children and Family Services 	Jess Sullivan	11:15 am – 11:45 am
State Agency Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYS Education Department, Office of Early Learning • NYS Education Department, Office of Special Education • NYS Office of Children and Family Services, Division of Child Care Services • NYS Department of State, Office of New Americans • NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Early Intervention 	Erik Sweet Suzanne Bolling Nora Yates Laura Gonzalez-Murphy Ray Pierce	11:45 am - 12:45 pm
Advocacy Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early Childhood Advocacy Updates 	Brigit Hurley	12:45 pm – 1:00 pm
Networking Lunch on your own 1:00 pm- 2:00 pm			
Committee Worktime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize 2026 Recommendations List 	Committee Co-Leads	2:00 pm - 3:15 pm
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next Steps • Closing Remarks 	Dona Anderson & Patty Persell	3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

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