



Early Childhood Advisory Council

New York State Early Childhood Advisory Council Quarterly Meeting

September 17, 2026 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

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

Agenda Item	Topic	Presenters	Time
Welcome & Announcements	• Introduction • NYS Council on Children and Families Update • ECAC Recommendations Update • 2027 ECAC Strategic Planning Retreat • Family Engagement Framework • Head Start Update • NYSUT update- Phil Cleary	Patty Persell & Dona Anderson	10:30am– 11:00am
Empire State Development	• Child care projects supported by Empire State Development via Regional Economic Development Councils • Child Care Connector – CCRCs, ECLC	Michael Yevoli Emma Wallach Fred Arcuri	11:00am- 11:30am
State Agency Updates	• NYS Department of Health, Bureau of Early Intervention • 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	Ray Pierce Erik Sweet Suzanne Bolling Nora Yates Laura Gonzalez-Murphy	11:30am- 12:20pm
Advocacy Updates	• Early Childhood Advocacy Updates	Brigit Hurley	12:20pm- 12:30pm
Networking Lunch on your own 12:30pm- 1:30pm			
Mental Health Consultation	• Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project: Scale, Scope, and Impact	Liz Isakson Jillian Scanlon	1:30pm- 2:30pm
ECAC Committees	• Committee Work Time	Committee Co-Leads	2:30pm- 3:15pm
Next Steps	• Next Steps • Closing Remarks	Dona Anderson & Patty Persell	3:15pm- 3:30pm

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