



## CT Office of Early Childhood Parent Cabinet Meeting Agenda

April 28, 2025

6:00pm-8pm

Zoom Meeting

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**Mission:** *To build strong connections, listen intentionally, and partner with Connecticut families of young children, communities, and OEC to incorporate the expertise of all parents throughout the early childhood system to ensure family-driven equitable policies and programs.*

### Co-Facilitators:

Parent Cabinet members: Mallory Paige region 5, Amber Alessandro region 5

### Meeting Purpose *(Why is this meeting needed?)*:

- To continue to strengthen relationships and communication amongst members
- Ensure members have tools and information needed to succeed
- Receive parent cabinet input and hear from OEC

### Intended Outcomes *(What do we want to achieve by the end of this? What will success look like?)*:

- Members have continued identifying the cities/towns in the region they hope to connect with using some Community Outreach strategies discussed
- Members provide feedback on Licensing regs and learn more on Licensing
- Members learn more about the Appropriation budget and next steps with Legislative process

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator
6:00-6:05pm 5 minutes	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Meeting guidelines/group norms reminder</li></ul>	Chenae R - Parent Cabinet Coordinator, OEC

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting outcomes</li> </ul>	
6:05-6:11pm 7 minutes	Ice Breaker	Mallory Paige, OEC Parent Cabinet member region 5
6:11-6:51pm 40 minutes total	<p>OEC / Commissioner Office Items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A Strong Start: Roundtable on Universal pre-k reflections and questions (10 minutes)</li> <li>Legislative: Appropriation Committee Budget (10 minutes)</li> <li>Licensing Overview &amp; Licensing Regulations discussion (15 minutes) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Parent Volunteers needing to have background checks</li> </ul> </li> <li>Head Start Program/Policy Council Connection (2 minutes)</li> <li>OEC Webinar: <i>“The whole is greater than the sum of the parts”: The impactful presence of fathers/father figures in a child’s development.</i> (2 minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>Amber Alessandro, OEC Parent Cabinet member region 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Commissioner Beth Bye, OEC</li> <li>→ Deputy Commissioner Elena Trueworthy, OEC</li> <li>→ Maggie Adair, Communications and Legislative Program Manager, OEC</li> <li>→ Liz Proietti, Licensing Director, OEC</li> <li>→ Laurie Audette, Licensing Program Manager, OEC</li> <li>→ Karen Pascale, Head Start Collab Office Director , OEC</li> <li>→ Lorna Thomas-Farquharson , Behavioral Health Initiative Manager, OEC</li> </ul>
6:51pm-7:11pm 20 minutes	<p>Parent Cabinet Subcommittee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Children with Special Needs (2 minutes)</li> <li>Access &amp; Affordability (2 minutes)</li> <li>Data – Data form Demo (15 minutes)</li> </ul>	<p>Mallory Paige, OEC Parent Cabinet member region 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Tiffanie Allain, Parent cabinet member Region 3</li> <li>→ Amber A., Parent Cabinet Member, Region 5</li> <li>→ Coral Wonderly, Data Scientist, OEC</li> </ul>
7:11pm-7:15pm 5 minutes	<p>External Committees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CT Early Learning Development Standards (ELDS) Updates Advisory Committee</li> <li>CT Early Childhood Cabinet</li> <li>CT Parent and Caregiver Survey Committee</li> </ul>	<p>Amber Alessandro, OEC Parent Cabinet member region 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Amber A,</li> <li>→ Chenae R. &amp; Cris Jimenez-Porrata, Parent cabinet member Region 4</li> <li>→ Tricia Hamlin, Parent cabinet member region 4</li> </ul>

<p>7:15pm-7:35pm</p> <p>20 minutes</p>	<p>Regional Breakouts (20 minutes) –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pair &amp; Share:</li> <li>• Discuss region mapping identifying towns and a plan on where to start. How have you used outreach tips from the Alum from the last meeting? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Examples community Cafes/parent cafes, other parent leader groups, family resource centers</li> </ul> </li> <li>• How is your Elevator speech? How are you reaching out to people using it?</li> <li>• What are some early childhood/ family need challenges you have heard from the groups you have connected with or from families?</li> </ul>	<p>Mallory Paige, OEC Parent Cabinet member region 5</p>
<p>7:35pm- 7:55pm</p> <p>20 minutes</p>	<p>Open Discussion / Q&amp;A</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakout items share out</li> <li>• Parents Connecting Parents</li> <li>• Parent Ambassadors</li> <li>• PC Role</li> <li>• Trainings</li> <li>• etc.</li> </ul>	<p>Amber Alessandro, OEC Parent Cabinet member region 5</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>→ Malissa Griffith, Parents Connecting Parents Program Manager, OEC</li> <li>→ Chenae</li> </ul>
<p>7:55-8:00pm</p> <p>4 minutes</p>	<p>Closing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evaluation link</li> </ul>	<p>Mallory &amp; Chenae</p>