

# INTRODUCTION INTO THE EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

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# Agenda

- ❖ Sign in
- ❖ Introduction
- ❖ Slide Show from DOE
- ❖ Mission/ Purpose of ECAC
- ❖ Bylaws ECAC
- ❖ Discuss CNA
- ❖ Goals for the remainder of the school year
- ❖ ECAC Leadership Vacancies

Sign In



# Introductions

- ❖ Introduction of staff members

# Introductions: ECAC Leadership

- ❖ **Co-Chairperson: Ms. Rachel Derieux, School Social Worker, MSW, CPIS**
- ❖ **Co-Chairperson: VACANCY**
- ❖ **Secretary- VACANCY**

- **Community and Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS)**
  - facilitating the community needs assessment
  - organizing and scheduling meetings, take notes, share notes with members, report back to the EC Supervisor,, and coordinating work with other school district professionals and community agencies and providers.

Slide Show from DOE

# Mission and Purpose of the ECAC

## ❖ Mission:

The East Greenwich Early Childhood Advisory Council's mission is to:

- Support the early childhood program
- Provide all stakeholders the opportunity to participate and provide valuable input
- Support collaboration between the Early Childhood Program and the community
- Make recommendations for the advancement and development of the early childhood program
- Review the early childhood program implementation and support transition as students move from preschool through grade three

# Mission and Purpose Continued...

## ❖ Purpose:

- The purpose of the Early Childhood Advisory Council is to gain input from parents/families and community members on the East Greenwich Early Childhood program. Ideas, suggestions, and concerns are welcome. The council should elicit information from those not able to participate in the meetings and share it with all council members so that all input is heard. Other members of the council include school personnel, teachers, and community members.



# Share Bylaws

# Community Needs Assessment Results

- ❖ 17 responses
- ❖ **What are the greatest challenges and/or concerns as a parent/guardian regarding your preschool aged child(ren) ?**
  - Communication skills/ Speech/ Language Development (53%)
  - Social Skills/ Friendship Skills (53%)
  - Early Literacy Skills (47%)
  - Behavioral Concerns/ Discipline (41%)
  - Social Emotional Needs/ Mental Health (41%)
  - Handling Tantrums/ Managing Anger (2 from parent workshop)
- ❖ **What resources or services do you need help accessing ?**
  - Social activities for children (29%)

## Goals for the rest of 2025

- Increase engagement/members in Early Childhood Advisory Council meetings
- Use surveys, family input, and feedback to provide workshops and parent engagement opportunities

# ECAC Leadership Vacancies

- Secretary Vacancy:
  - The Secretary shall keep minutes of the meetings and shall be responsible for such correspondence as is delegated to him/her by the Co-Chairperson. The Secretary shall also document activities, decisions, and attendance of the Council and its committees for accountability. The Secretary shall distribute a draft of meeting minutes to the CPIS within one week following a meeting. Either the Secretary or the Community and Parent Involvement Specialist (CPIS) shall also distribute a final draft of meeting minutes to the Council no later than one week prior to the next meeting.
- Elect Co-chair:
  - The Co-Chairperson may preside over meetings when the CPIS is not present.
- If you would like to run for secretary and/or co-chair, please email Rachel Derieux at [derieuxr@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us](mailto:derieuxr@eastgreenwich.k12.nj.us)

# Next Meeting Agenda

- ❖ Vote for Co-Chairperson
- ❖ Vote for Secretary
- ❖ Approve bylaws
- ❖ Chose a topic to focus on for greatest challenges and/or concerns
- ❖ Answer any questions/concerns from members

Thank you for attending!  
Your participation is greatly  
appreciated!

