



November 28, 2023
ECRC Advisory Council Meeting



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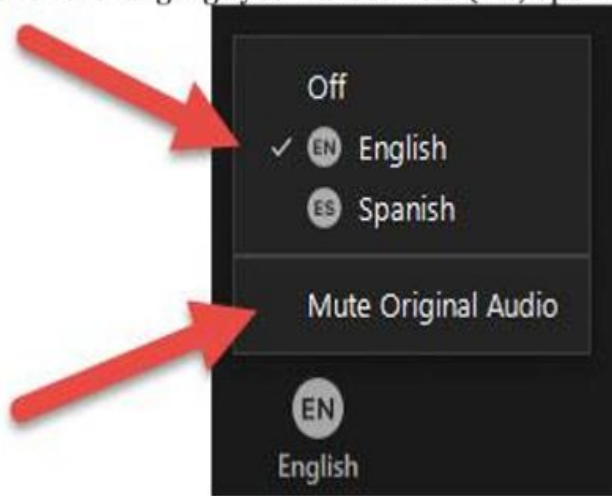


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Agenda

1. Welcome
2. City Update
3. Partner Updates
4. ECRC Executive Committee Updates
5. New State Agency Update
6. Closing Remarks
7. Adjourn



City Updates

City Council passed Mayor Johnson's \$16.7B budget. Major investments include:

1. \$15M per year to the mental health safety net system, including the CARE 911 hotline
2. Reestablishing the Department of the Environment with a \$25M investment
3. \$250M investment in supporting Chicagoans experiencing homelessness (separate from investments in migrant supports)
 - Passed Bring Chicago Home Ordinance
4. Established Office of Community Safety with a \$100M operating budget
5. Continuing funding for CECIDS with \$530k investment
6. Continuing funding for CELWS with \$470k investment
7. \$30M of state funding directed to DFSS to support new-arrival/migrant populations

Rey Wences Najera

Migrant & Refugee Rights

 Partner Updates

Maia Connors

EC-REACH

 Partner Updates

Leslie McKinily

Chicago Public Schools

CPS Pre-K Enrollment Update

- 20th Day Pre-K Enrollment: **17,589**
 - 7.2% increase from 2022-2023
 - Comparable to pre-pandemic enrollment
- Enrollment as of November 17: **18,734**
 - 79.59% of GenEd seats full
 - - Half-Day: 73.05%
 - Full-Day: 81.52%



Newcomer Pre-K Enrollment Process (CPS)



Newcomers, including three and four year olds, arrive and are housed at Police Districts and airport



Newcomers are moved to shelter and DFSS provides manifest of school aged children to CPS; CPS identifies the three and four year olds on the list



OECE finds the closest schools to the shelter with Pre-K seat availability and assigns each child to a school (Pre-K classrooms are capped at 20 students)



A mobile early childhood enrollment team meets with families at the shelter; Staff complete the online application and verification of documents for the child;



Families bring their children to the school where the student has been placed and complete any remaining paperwork there; The child can begin attending that day



Once a Newcomer in Pre-K has begun attending school, CPS provides ongoing school and district-based engagement and supports

*These steps describe the centralized Pre-K enrollment process currently in place for Newcomer students. **Please note- any Newcomer student can apply for a Pre-K program at a school site, over the phone, or with the assistance of another volunteer. Class sizes, however, must be capped at 20 students and schools CANNOT enroll additional students when they are at capacity.***



To date, OECE mobile enrollment teams have assisted just over 500 newly arrived families.

 Partner Updates

Cerathel Burgess-Burnett
Department of Family & Support
Services

New Arrivals Family Shelter Populations and Enrollments To Date, Ages 0-5*

Shelter Name	Community Area	# of Youth Age 0-2yo	# of Youth Age 3-5yo	Total # of Youth Age 0-5yo	# Enrolled in CBOs Age 0-2yo	# Enrolled in CBOs Age 3-5yo	Total Youth Age 3-5yo enrolled in CPS
AIC	Uptown	97	139	236	4	6	38
Brands Park	Avondale	8	21	29	13	10	27
Broadway Armory	Edgewater	35	35	70	21	4	20
Daley College	West Lawn	22	30	52	0	0	0
Halsted	Lower West Side	83	160	243	0	6	63
Inn of Chicago	Near North Side	129	176	305	0	0	129
Lakeshore Hotel	Kenwood	52	89	141	0	0	66
MWRD	North Park	37	75	112	0	2	45
New Life	North Center	6	5	11	1	3	10
North Park Village	North Park	15	14	29	0	0	7
North Western (New)	West Town	14	27	41	0	0	0
Ogden	Near West Side	80	138	218	0	0	31
Piotrowski Park	South Lawndale	17	26	43	2	0	13
Super 8	Rogers Park	22	37	59	6	16	23
Walnut	Near West Side	72	105	177	0	0	16
Total Overall		689	1077	1766	47	47	488

*Data Recorded As of 11/9/2023



Charge: Expand 0-5 Enrollment Opportunities within New Arrival Shelter Sites

- Over **700 children** aged 0-5 have been enrolled in Quality Early Learning Programming.
 - Across CBOs
 - In CPS Pre-K or Kindergarten Programming
- To date, there are approximately **1,057 children** aged 0-5 in family shelters in need of resource supports, including quality early learning and care.
- Enrollments of children from New Arrivals families have occurred; many of the families have moved on, leaving vacancies in Early Learning Programs.
- The number of children aged 0-5 in shelter settings continues to rise as buses arrive daily into the City of Chicago.
- DFSS is charged with expanding early learning enrollment opportunities in family shelters across our funded agencies, other federal recipients, and CPS to fill early learning vacancies.

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Chicago Early Learning Workforce
Scholarship



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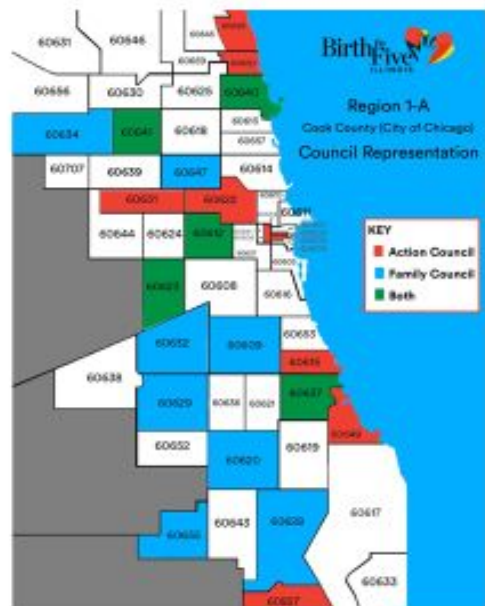
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First Quarter Updates

- Relaunched Y2 Action Council and Family Council
- Early Childhood Regional Needs Assessment Published
- Completed over 20 community feedback sessions
- Published Regional Needs Assessment Addendum which includes additional community feedback



Year 2 Overview

This year we will:

- Councils prioritized two recommendations from our Regional Needs Assessment and currently creating an Action Plan
- Review some data on mental and behavioral health, talk with community members, and produce a short report based on our findings
- Disseminate the Action Plan
- Recruit Action Council and Family Council members. Focus on partnerships on cross-systems that also support families (health, business, faith based, child welfare, etc.)

Final Recommendations

Recommendation #1:

- Build upon the Chicago Early Learning system and streamline offerings by providing community hubs for one-stop-shop services that provide intake support to families about all the programs they are eligible for and "warm referrals" to cross-section and wrap-around services (as an entry point).

Recommendation #2:

- Create sustainable funding plans that lead to an action plan focused on increasing 0-3 programming, increasing staff compensation, and ECEC (Early Childhood Education and Care) collaborations.

Migrant Support in ECEC Landscape - Input

- Partnerships:
 - [Family Connects Chicago](#)
 - Early Intervention – CFC #8, #9, #10 & #11
 - [Child Find](#)
 - [Chicago Early Learning](#)
 - Home Visiting, [Connect Home Visiting Chicago](#)
 - Department of Family Supports & Services (DFSS), [Children Services Division](#)
 - Chicago Public Schools, [Office of Early Childhood Education](#)
 - Illinois Action for Children, [Child Care Resource & Referral](#) & Chicago Early Learning Hotline
 - [WIC Grocery](#), [Catholic Charities](#)
 - Early Childhood Collaborations, COCHI – housing, Northwest Collaborative – IL Welcome Centers

Get Involved!

Next Steps:

- Support Action Plan development focused on access & funding
- Share Mental Health & Behavioral Health partnerships & resources
- Bring a friend to upcoming Early Childhood Funding Listening Session:
- Tues, Dec. 12th, 2023 - 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Tues, Dec. 12th, 2023 - 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
- Wed, Dec. 13th, 2023 - 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

- **Stay in touch!**
 - Contact Edna enavarrovidaurre@birthtofiveil.com or 309-393-2552
 - Sign up to receive newsletter: <https://www.birthtofiveil.com/region1a/#subscribe>
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A young girl with her hair in two buns, wearing a pink hoodie over a yellow shirt, is smiling and looking down at a yellow folder she is holding. To her right, a teacher with curly hair, wearing a yellow sweater, is partially visible, holding a pink cup filled with colorful markers. In the background, other children are visible, including one with long brown hair. The scene is set in a bright, colorful classroom.

Q&A

Thank you!



 Partner Updates

Chicago Department of Public
Health

Family Connects Chicago



- Universal short-term nurse home visiting program for birthing people, infants, and their families
- Program Updates:
 - Over 5,000 home visits made to families since launch in spring 2020
 - Families in all 77 community areas have received a visit
 - Contracting with Lurie Children's Hospital to conduct evaluation on how successfully referrals made by Family Connects nurses link families to other services, including home visiting and early learning. Will share any opportunity for providers to participate. Results to be shared in early 2025.
- Birthing Hospital Onboarding Update:
 - Currently offering Family Connects: 7 hospitals - Humboldt Park Hospital, St. Anthony's, Rush, UChicago Medicine, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Swedish Hospital, Roseland Hospital
 - MOUs/contracts pending: 7 hospitals - Stroger, UI Health, Ascension system, Advocate system
 - Currently declined to participate: Northwestern Memorial Hospital
- CDPH had initial meeting with CECIDS around possible data collaboration. More meetings to come.
- On 10/25/23, CDPH attended Children's Health Caucus in Springfield to advocate for additional state funding to sustain Family Connects in Chicago and support expansion in Illinois. Will find out if additional is included in proposed SFY25 budget in February 2024.

Other MICAH Bureau Program Updates

- Lead Poisoning Prevention & Healthy Homes Program Updates:
 - Nurse case management, residential lead abatement, and home health hazard mitigation services for children under age 6 with elevated blood lead levels
 - Expanded services due to CRP investment anticipated to roll out in early 2024 and will expand household income eligibility from 80% of AMI to 140% of AMI
 - Currently in final stages of delegate agency contracting phase
- Nutrition/WIC Program Update:
 - Nutrition counseling, healthy food packages, breastfeeding support, and referrals to services for income-eligible pregnant and post-partum people, children up to age 5
 - CDPH participating in pilot project with other WIC providers to mobilize WIC services in Chicago. Currently identifying potential mobile site partners, such as Head Start programs, FQHCs, shelters, and others. First mobile services expected to be provided in winter 2024. Will share updates.
- MCH Epidemiology/Data Reports Updates:
 - Update Infant Mortality Report in process and expected to be released in early 2025. Disparities in health outcomes between Black and white children remains a key trend.



Other CDPH/Early Childhood Updates

- 2024 CDPH City Budget – Highlights
 - Across all MICAH Bureau programs, 2024 budget is stable ~\$46.6M, including grants, corporate, and annualized CRP funding amounts.
 - New corporate funding for CDPH is supporting expanded mental health services (Behavioral Health Bureau)
- CDPH Disease Control Bureau is currently working with Healthy Chicago Equity Zones to identify equitable approach to prioritizing Chicago child care centers in need of air filtration systems.
- Vaccines
 - Programs can utilize Chicago CareVan - mobile immunization clinic that offers services at no cost at Head Start, child care centers, schools, public housing sites, WIC centers, and community events. More information here:
https://www.chicago.gov/city/en/depts/cdph/supp_info/clinical_health/immunization_clinics.html
- Madeline is participating on Illinois Early Childhood Team to coordinate maternal-child health and early childhood programs, convened by Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs (AMCHP)- organization that coordinates Title V grantees. This effort is kicking off with 2-day TA session 11/28 – 11/29. Will provide ECRC will regular updates.



New State Agency Ann Whalen

ECRC Executive Committee



The Executive Committee has continued to meet to focus on operationalizing the body. Recently they:

- Reviewed the Mayoral transition plan + provided feedback and recommendations
- Supported the planning and execution of the Early Childhood Education budget town hall meeting



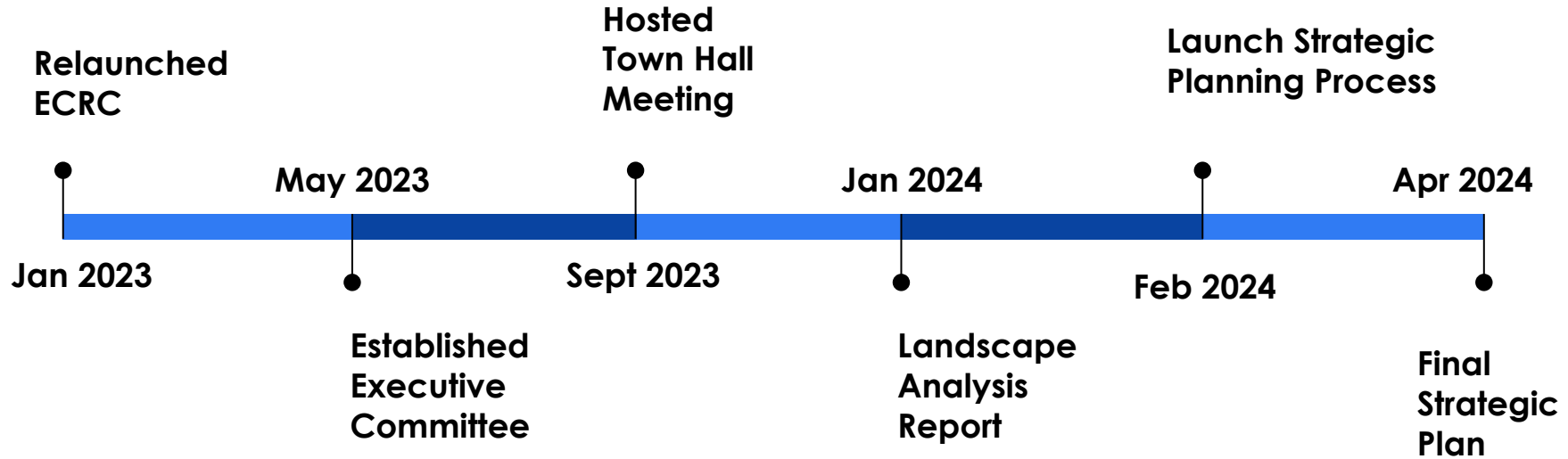
ECRC Executive Committee

The Executive Committee is meeting next to:

1. Revisit ECRC Executive Committee membership
2. Synthesize 2023 ECRC reports and activities
3. Develop a 3-year strategic plan to guide the work of ECRC



Where ECRC Is Headed





Next Steps

1. Community Engagement Early Childhood Funding Listening Sessions - Dec 2023 - Jan 2024
2. Next ECRC Advisory Council meeting will be in **January 30, 2024**

Thank you for joining

Every Child Ready Chicago Advisory Committee Meeting.