



**Delaware Early Childhood Council
Meeting Agenda**

**March 10, 2016
9 AM to 11 AM**

Nemours Health and Prevention Services
Wells Fargo Tower – 8th Floor Large Conference Room
2200 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803

The mission of the DECC is to promote the development of a comprehensive and coordinated early childhood system, birth to eight, which provides the highest quality services and environment for Delaware’s children and their families.

9:00 AMWelcome, Call to Order, Review & Approval of DECC Minutes Mary Kate Mouser

9:05 AMFederal Inclusion Policy Statement Overview

Jamie Walko
Verna Thompson
Kimberly Brancato

Questions for Council Discussion:

- *What are the implications for Council work going forward?*
- *There are 9 recommendations for state action, what additional steps could be taken for Delaware to determine its top priorities, and who is leading the work?*

**9:30 AMOverview of the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems
Impact Grant Opportunity**

Leah Woodall

9:45 AMFuture Planning for Council Work

Madeleine Bayard

Questions for Council Discussion:

- *We have six meetings per year, how do we need to think about the sequencing of meetings across the year (orientation and planning, celebrating successes, etc.?)*
- *What factors contribute to motivating you to engage in committee work? When have you felt most successful and why?*

10:05 AMChild Care Development Plan Update

Debbie Gottschalk
Belvie Herbert

10:15 AMUpdates from the Office of Early Learning

Susan Perry-Manning

10:25 AMConnect to Purpose: Delaware Readiness Teams/
Prevent Child Abuse Delaware Partnership

Karen DeRasmo
Daynell Wright
Dionne Patterson
Diane Frentzel

10:45 AMUpdate on Advocacy Day Planning

Andria Keating

10:55 AMFuture Meeting Topics and Close

Mary Kate Mouser

Next meeting date and location:

***Early Childhood Advocacy Day
May 4, 2016***

Dover Location TBD

Delaware Early Childhood Council Vision

- ***Ready children:*** children who are physically and emotionally healthy, have access to high quality early learning experiences, and enter school prepared to succeed
- ***Ready families:*** families with the knowledge and resources needed to successfully support their children's development and learning
- ***Ready early care and education programs:*** programs that effectively support the growth, development, and learning of all children and are staffed by teachers who are well prepared, well compensated, and well supported
- ***Ready communities:*** communities that embrace their responsibilities for enhancing the quality of life of young children and their families through collaborations across all sectors
- ***Ready schools:*** schools that build upon and further enrich the learning foundations of young children and accelerate their continued success