



**In-Person Attendance:** Adam Alson, Allie Sutherland, Anna Shults, Ashleigh Moon, Jennifer Myers, Lee Ann Kwiatkowski, Rob Moorehead, Sam Charron, Sam Snideman, Shannon Ford

**Virtual Attendance:** Mark Chamberlin

**Guest Speakers:** Tikila Welch, OECOSL Child Care Licensing Director and Holly Brauneller, OECOSL Director of Policy

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Sam Snideman called the meeting to order at 10:00 am
- II. Approval of the Agenda
  - a. Rob Moorehead motioned to accept the agenda as presented. Adam also seconded. All in favor.
- III. Introduction of Members
- IV. Public Comment
  - a. Martha Rae, Early Childhood Advocate and Educator
    - i. INAEYC Northwest Region Chapter extends an invitation to host the ELAC meeting in person
    - ii. Employer outreach/mandatory reporting/coaching
    - iii. Statewide safety – add infant data – include executive function
    - iv. Include stakeholders in decision making, budget and community connection
- V. Chair's Report
  - a. Orientation process – many new members
    - i. Members who care, good outcomes for kids
    - ii. Important that members are here and present
    - iii. Hope to steer in the direction of a stable system to serve children and families in the state of Indiana
    - iv. Thank you for serving on the committee and taking the time
- VI. Discussion Agenda
  - a. OECOSL Fiscal and Strategic Operations
    - i. Regulate and license child care programs
      1. Child Care Centers
      2. Registered Ministries
      3. Child Care Homes
    - ii. Administer Child Care Development Fund (CCDF), state appropriated funds, and other federal government grants as directed
      1. CCDF vouchers, ages 0-13
      2. On My Way Pre-K vouchers, 4-year-olds



- iii. OECOSL in constant contact with federal Administration for Children and Families on CCDF draws
- iv. Provider voucher reimbursements continue as normal
- v. OECOSL has strong internal controls and quality assurance processes
- vi. Spending by State Fiscal Year – bar graph
  - 1. Gray is federal funding
  - 2. Neon green is COVID federal funding
  - 3. Yellow is TANF one-time funding
  - 4. Blue is state funding
- vii. Historic Data
  - 1. CCDF Waitlist - December 2024
  - 2. Reduction in CCDF Reimbursement rates - Sept 2025
- viii. 2026 Initiatives
  - 1. Fiscal responsibility and oversight
    - a. CCDF vouchers
    - b. OMWPK vouchers
  - 2. Federal PDG Grant Award \$14.8M federal, \$4.4M State, \$19.2M total
    - a. Referral Slots Pilot Program (focus on infants and toddlers)
    - b. Partnership with IEDC
      - i. Micro facilities Pilot Program
      - ii. Child Care Business Supports
      - iii. Hoosier Employer Toolkit
- ix. Child Care Vouchers Statistics: December 2025
  - 1. Total vouchers – CCDF/OMW – 44,580
  - 2. Total Waitlist – CCDF/OMW – 33,199
  - 3. % Families vouchers – Employment - 94%
  - 4. % Families – Single Parent - 90%
  - 5. Never hit the OMW cap
  - 6. Voucher breakdown by age
  - 7. Regulated Child Care Supply Statistics
  - 8. OECOSL Funding

\*\*Participants experienced technical difficulties with virtual access and encounter issues with auto connectivity. \*\*

- x. Micro Facility Pilot (Tikila Welch)
  - 1. As of December 2025, these are the enrollment numbers:



- a. Terre Haute site – 7 children out of 30
  - b. Michigan City site – 11 children out of 15
  - c. South Bend site– 16 children out of 30
  - d. Indianapolis site – 7 children out of 19
  - e. Syracuse site – 19 children out of 30
  - f. Gary site – 15 children out of 30
2. Survey Data and Rates
- a. Survey data is collected and analyzed monthly from each of the sites, and allows us insight into their enrollment data, current rates, financial stability, staffing, community engagement, and marketing efforts
  - b. New Rates were set at \$190 per week, per child, across all age groups at all the sites as of 7/27/25
  - c. This is based on survey data collected from the sites on cost of care over the first 60-90 days operating.
  - d. Testimonials from the Indianapolis and Syracuse Micro Facility Owners

xi. Regulatory Reform (Tikila Welch)

1. 2026 Initiatives

- a. Child care home rules submitted to Office of Management and Budget in December
- b. Child care centers rules submitted to Office of Management and Budget in January
- c. Others to follow this year
- d. Create an ELAC sub-committee for rules review
  - i. Sam, Shannon, Jennifer, and Allie ??

b. Legislative Updates

- i. SB222 – FSSA Matters
- ii. SB 4 - Various Fiscal Matters
- iii. HB 1003 – Boards and Commissions
- iv. HB 1018 – School Aged Child Care
- v. HB 1149 - Pre-K Care SGO Tax Credit - X
- vi. HB 1177 – Child Care Assistance

VII. Meeting adjourned 11:13 am



**Indiana Early Learning**  
Advisory Committee

## Committee Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2026

10:00 am EST

**Next Business Meeting:**

April 9, 2026

10:00 -11:30 a.m. EST

Indianapolis Government Center South  
402 W. Washington St., Indianapolis IN 46204  
Conference Room 4&5 - Wabash Hall