



**IOWA COUNCIL FOR EARLY ACCESS**

January 21, 2022

9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Grimes State Office Building, B100 (basement)

400 E. 14<sup>th</sup> Street

Des Moines, IA 50319

[Meeting Minutes](#)

<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Lead</b>
9:00-9:30 <i>optional</i>		Networking Committees meet ( <i>as needed</i> ) New member welcome	
9:30-9:45	Action	Call to Order and Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● New Members</li> <li>● Review of ICEA Agenda</li> <li>● Approval ICEA <a href="#">November minutes</a></li> </ul>	Emma Bouza, Chair
9:45-10:15	Discussion	Family Story	Nicole Tramp
10:15-10:45	Discussion <b>Note:</b> Reschedule agenda item to March	Family Outcomes (indicator C4) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Review Data</li> <li>● Next steps</li> <li>● <a href="#">Current survey</a></li> </ul>	Kate Small, Dee Gethmann
10:45-11:15	Discussion	Child find and PR/marketing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discuss referral data</li> <li>● Current child find activities</li> <li>● Next steps</li> </ul>	Early ACCESS State Team
11:15-11:45	Discussion	DHS data	Julie Allison, Teri Mash
11:45-12:30		Lunch	
12:30-1:15	Information	Family Guided Routines Based Intervention <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● State Systemic Improvement Plan (SSIP) data</li> <li>● FGRBI sustainability plan</li> <li>● ACHIEVE professional learning</li> </ul>	Melissa Schnurr, Melissa Grennan
1:15-1:30	Information	Announcements Future Agenda Items	Emma Bouza, Chair
1:30	Action	Adjourn - Next meetings: 3.11.22, 5.20.22	Emma Bouza, Chair



**Overview:** The Iowa Council for Early ACCESS (ICEA) has been established as the council to support the state interagency coordination of Early ACCESS [[IAC 281-120.600-605](#)].

**Purpose:** The ICEA is to advise and assist the lead agency, *Iowa Department of Education*, working collaboratively with signatory agencies in the coordination, development, and implementation of policies that constitute the statewide system of early intervention services. Signatory agencies are the *Iowa Departments of Human Services, Public Health, and Child Health Specialty Clinics*.

**Early ACCESS Vision:** Every infant and toddler with or likely to have a developmental delay and their families will be supported and included in their communities so they will be healthy and successful.

**Mission:** Early ACCESS empowers families and caregivers through partnerships, supports, and resources to enhance children's learning and development through everyday activities and routines.

### **Early ACCESS Guiding Principles<sup>1</sup>**

1. Infants and toddlers learn best through everyday experiences and interactions with familiar people in familiar contexts.
2. All families, with the necessary support and resources, can enhance their children's learning and development.
3. The primary role of a service provider in early intervention is to work with and support family members and caregivers in children's lives.
4. The early intervention process, from initial contacts through transition, must be dynamic and individualized to reflect the child's and family members' preferences, learning styles and cultural beliefs.
5. IFSP outcomes must be functional and based on children's and families' needs and family-identified priorities.
6. The family's priorities, needs and interests are addressed most appropriately by a primary provider who represents and receives team and community support.
7. Interventions with young children and family members must be based on explicit principles, validated practices, best available research, and relevant laws and regulations.

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<sup>1</sup> Workgroup on Principles and Practices in Natural Environments, OSEP TA Community of Practice: Part C Settings. (2008, March). Agreed upon mission and key principles for providing early intervention services in natural environments. Retrieved from: Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center mission and principles.