

PREVENT CHILD ABUSE ILLINOIS
Minutes of Committee Meeting

Committee: Advocacy Committee

Date: October 27, 2021

Chairperson: Becky Weber

Members Present: Becky Weber, Theresa Sanford-Shipplett, Dan Whalen, Bernadette Schrempp

Staff Present: Kristin Kaufman

Members Absent: Jessica Edmond, Theresa Sanford-Shipplett, Dan Whalen, Denise McCaffrey

Guests Present: None

1. Updates from partner organizations/advocacy updates
 - Start Early – currently working on FY23 ISBE and DHS budgets and MIECHV reauthorization
 - Early Childhood Funding Coalition was renamed to “We, the Village” – recommendations to create a separate agency to oversee the entire early childhood sector (0-5) which would cost an estimated \$13 billion has been sent to the Governor’s office for review/approval
 - MIECHV Reauthorization – Needs to be reauthorized in September 2022 - Advocating for \$200M increase over the 5-year reauthorization (has not had increase in over a decade)
 - Announced on 9/17 Illinois will receive \$8.4M from HRSA/HHS to go towards expanding services – just starting to see that money come in – will mainly go towards family resources/needs
 - FY23 DHS budget – asking for 10% increase across 0-5 system – will be for HFI/Parents Too Soon line items
 - FY23 ISBE Budget Hearings – asking for a \$50M increase in the Early Childhood Block Grant – hearings held on October 14 and October 21
 - GFWC – legislative action center sent out an alert on VAWA and CBCAP
 - Build Back Better legislation – House Committee marked up legislation that invests over \$400B in early care and education – negotiations continue, and overall price is likely to be lowered – expected to pass this legislation together with the infrastructure bill
2. Last quarter advocacy involvement
 - Early Care & Learning Recommendations on the U.S. Dept. of Education FY22-26 Learning Agenda – signed letter of support on 9/15/21 (Start Early)
 - Child Tax Credit Expansion - Sent letter to elected officials 9/30/21 - Center for the Study of Social Policy - Ensure that Congress expands the CTC to 2025
 - Build Back Better Act - Sent letter to elected officials
 - 10/6/21 - Ask Congress to pass the plan - specifically sustain the childcare and early learning investment – (Quality Alliance, Start Early, First Five Years Fund)
 - 10/27/21 – Sent letter to elected officials to ensure paid family and medical leave is included in the plan – (PCAA)
 - ISBE FY22 State Budget - Sent support form to committees 10/18/21 – supporting an increase of \$50M to the ECBG – (Start Early)
3. Child Abuse Prevention Lottery Ticket – Bernadette has followed up with Senator Belt’s office twice and has not received any contact back. Kristin reached out to Jennifer Rice but has not heard back at this time.
4. Review Strategic Plan (Goal #3) - all goals were reviewed and on target – recommended to take “Develop and disseminate an annual Prevent Child Abuse Illinois Advocacy Issues statement” out of the LRP because we do not develop our own statement, but support partner organizations with theirs.

Recommendations to Board: None at this time

Next Scheduled Quarterly Meeting: January 26, 2022, 9:00am – *Annual Advocacy Partner Meeting*