

The logo for the Transition Advisory Group consists of the text "TRANSITION ADVISORY GROUP" in a dark blue, sans-serif font, centered within a light blue L-shaped frame that forms a partial border around the text.

**TRANSITION  
ADVISORY  
GROUP**

**Special Education Service Delivery  
Meeting 1  
July 21, 2021**

# Agenda

- Welcome
- Introduction
- Consider mission, vision, and guiding principles for new early childhood department
- Discuss logistics – Breakout format and GroupMap
- Group discussion and next steps

\* This meeting will be recorded via Zoom. Please prepare to mute your microphone if you are not actively speaking.

# **Introduction**

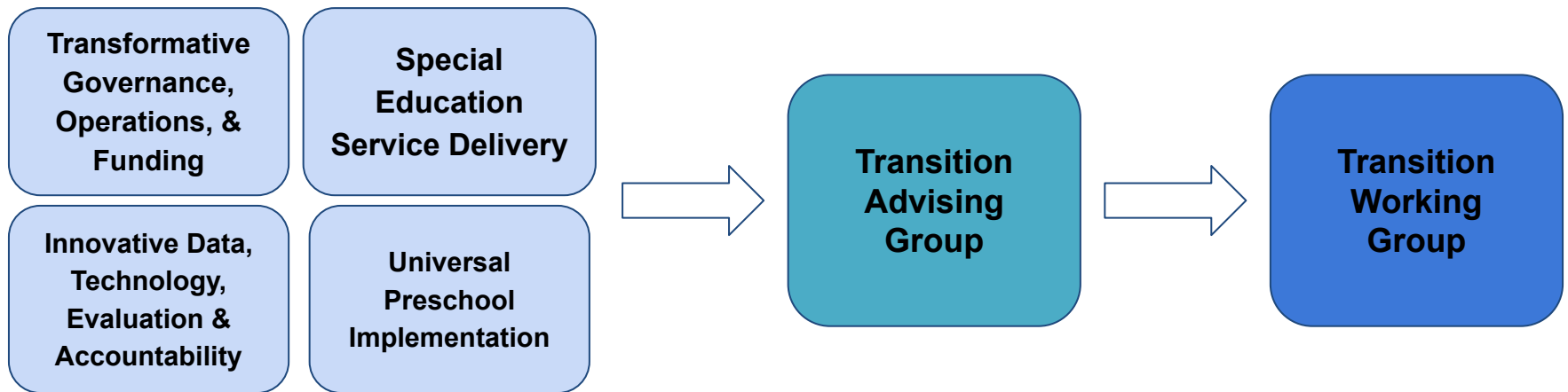
# Background

**HB21-1304** was passed by the General Assembly and signed into law by the Governor in June 2021. The law requires:

- The creation of a new unified Colorado Department of Early Childhood on July 1, 2022.
  - *To create the new department, the bill requires a transition plan, written by the Transition Working Group (TWG), be submitted by November 1, 2021. The ECLC is to approve the transition plan within 14 days after receiving the plan from the Office of the Governor.*
- A planning process for Colorado's new universal, voluntary preschool program, which will be overseen by the new unified Department of Early Childhood. This new Colorado Department of Early Childhood will also be charged with the implementation of this program, beginning July 2023.

# Subgroup Structure

The ECLC Transition Advisory Group is convening subgroups to offer insights that will guide the creation of a transition plan to the new unified department of early childhood. Each group will offer recommendations from their perspectives or in their areas of expertise.



Stipends may be available for parents and members of the early childhood workforce to participate fully in the meetings - please reach out to [Kristina.Heyl@state.co.us](mailto:Kristina.Heyl@state.co.us) for more information.

# Listening Sessions

In addition to the TAG and its subgroups, the ECLC is also convening the following interactive user-centered listening sessions to ensure that the new department will meet the needs of those who are involved in and/or experience Colorado's current early childhood system.

- Children and Family Experience
- Provider Experience
- Workforce Experience

These listening sessions will offer critical insight into the user experience of existing programs and systems. They will be working in tandem with the subgroups to offer insight to the TAG.

*\* Additional information will be available soon!*

# Other Ways to Engage

Stakeholder engagement is a critical component to this process. To offer updated information and gather feedback the ECLC will be managing the following resources for the public:

## Updates

- Monthly Transition Plan [Newsletter](#)
- Monthly Town Halls (to be scheduled\*\*)
- Transition [Website](#)

## Opportunities to provide input

- Feedback [Form](#)
- Statewide Listening Tour (to be scheduled\*\*)

Additionally, a human centered design project will be conducted with design sessions and prototype creations for what the future system should look like.

*\*For more information or to participate, please reach out to Rebecca Peterson, Gary Community Investments - [rpeterson@garycommunity.org](mailto:rpeterson@garycommunity.org)*

## Special Education Service Delivery Subgroup

**The Special Education Service Delivery Subgroup will develop recommendations for the administration of special education services within the new preschool programs.**

This group will be tasked with discussing the following topics:

- Mixed Delivery
- Alignment with birth to 3 services
- Landscape of federal IDEA regulations and their interaction with state regulations and requirements
- Alignment with the voluntary universal preschool program



# Meeting Norms

- Come prepared.
- Mute yourself when not speaking.
- Stay engaged (e.g., actively participate in breakout rooms).
- Be mindful of how much “air time” each member receives.
- Always assume good intent.
- All ideas are valued.

# Expectations

## Every meeting you should expect the following:

- Via e-mail:
  - Agenda for meeting
  - Suggested pre-reading
  - Online – ECLC transition subgroup webpages
  
- In meeting:
  - Subgroup Updates
  - Focused discussion around a specific part of the transition plan
  - Closing/next steps

# **Review Guiding Principles and Mission/Vision**

# ECLC Guiding Principles

The ECLC is committed to the following guiding principles in the development of the transition plan and universal, voluntary preschool recommendations:



# Colorado's Department of Early Childhood

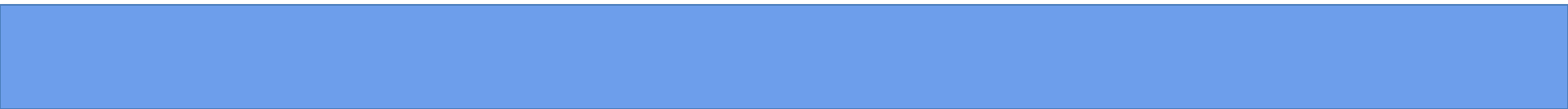
## **Vision**

All Colorado children, families and early childhood professionals are valued, healthy and thriving.

## **Mission**

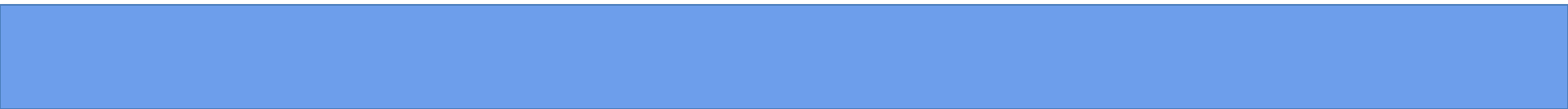
The Colorado Department of Early Childhood champions a comprehensive, community-informed, effective, high quality and equitable early childhood system that supports the care, education and well-being of all Colorado's young children, their families and early childhood professionals in all settings.

**Online Tool/  
Breakout Rooms**



**Closing/  
Next Steps**





# Next Steps



If you would like to receive meeting materials, including meeting dates, emails and agendas, please subscribe to the Newsletter and update your subscription profile to include information on this subgroup.



Participants of each subgroup are **highly encouraged to attend all meetings of that group** and should be prepared to review approximately 1 hour of materials prior to the meetings.

## Future Meetings for Special Education Service Delivery

- Meeting 2, July 28
- Meeting 3, August 11
- Meeting 4, August 18
- Meeting 5, September 1
- Meeting 6, September 8
- Meeting 7, September 29
- Meeting 8, October 6
- Meeting 9, November 3
- Meeting 10, November 10

## Contact us:

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- Meeting 11, December 8