

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Advisory Committee

Meeting Date: Thursday, November 7, 2024

Time: 9:00-10:00am

External Participants: 9

Kim Lamz – CCR&R Director – 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care

Kendra Nenia – Higher Education Navigator – 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care

Dina Alzeer – Higher Education Navigator – 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care

Jax Carrillo – Higher Education Navigator – 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care

Aaron Confer – Youth Development Director – Kishwaukee Family YMCA

Rachel Engel – Director – Walnut Street Daycare Center, Genoa IL

Steve Kimmel – Early Childhood Teacher – Kishwaukee Education Consortium (KEC)

Malia Jones – Family and Community Engagement Specialist – Birth to Five Illinois

Samantha McDavid – Coordinator for Early Learning Programs – DeKalb County Regional Office of Education

Internal Participants: 6

Judson Curry – Dean – ACSS/MS

Ariel Owens – Associate Dean – ACSS/MS

Alea Akers – Academic Advisor and ECE Mentor

Maria Lombardo – Director – Kishwaukee College Early Learning Center

Anna Harvey – ADJ Instructor – ECE

Kailey Bednarek – Administrative Specialist I – ACSS/da-adjunct

faculty member Anna Harvey, has received IAI approval as an adjunct course.

B. Registration for SP25 is underway with many incoming high school students showing interest in the ECE program.

C. Based on enrollment, Kish will consider implementing additional (on-campus/person/hybrid) options to help balance student needs when possible in future semesters.

II. Student Completion and Success Data

A. ECE continues to see high success rates in terms of student retention and course completion. Three students are projected to complete the program in fall, and an additional eight are projected for completion of the program in spring.

- B. Although state ECACE funding has ended, Kish continues to collaborate with the consortium and submit student and program data to the state.
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