

# Early Intervention Committee

Fall Council Meeting  
September 29-30, 2021

## EIC Update

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### UDSAC Collaboration

GCDSE staff is partnering with the Universal Developmental Screening Advisory Committee (UDSAC), a section of Women's Children's & Family Health, to support their purpose, "bringing key stakeholders together to ensure that all children and their caregivers have access to developmental screening in Alaska." This work is also aligned with objective in the current 5-Year Plan.

GCDSE staff joined the Increasing Family-Focused Education on Developmental Screening workgroup. Their work is centered around:

- Funding financial support for outreach efforts to families
- Providing education distinguishing the difference between developmental monitoring and screening, as well as developmental screening and other screening types
- Types of outreach
- Unified messaging
- Framing developmental screening as a strength-based tool

### Upcoming UDSAC Meetings

September 1, 2021: Family Engagement workgroup

September 9, 2021: Advisory Committee meeting

September 16, 2021: AECCC Quarterly meeting

### Early Intervention Committee Meetings

The most recent meeting occurred on March 19, 2021. The purpose of the meeting was to review and solicit suggestions for the new GCDSE Five-Year State Plan activities.

### On the Horizon

- Next meeting TBD
- Committee will review the workplan and progress.

### Inspiration

*So many of our dreams at first seem impossible, then they seem improbable, and then, when we summon the will, they soon become inevitable.*

–Christopher Reeve

