

**Notes for NC Early Childhood Data Advisory Council (ECDAC) Meeting  
March 15, 2023, 10am-12pm, Zoom Total Attendance: 18**

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See PDF of PPT slides on ECDAC webpage. Video recording available on request. Meeting highlights provided below.

NC Early Childhood Integrated Data System (ECIDS) Update—Dr. Tanya Morgan, Dept. Child Development and Early Education (DCDEE)

- NC ECIDS is working on an overarching Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and is in the process of final reviews with plans to finish by mid-April. They are immersed in integrating three additional data sources (Home Visiting, Early Hearing Detection and Intervention, Head Start). Ongoing sustainability discussions about the Preschool Development Grant (PDG) slated to end at the end of 2023. Working to have a plan in place. Collaborating with the NC Longitudinal Data System (NCLDS) and are about ready to release data. Continuing to modernize NC ECIDS reporting. New data selector tool process that will create a user interface process that will replace the existing manual data selector process. Detailed demo roll out planned.

DCDEE Data Update—Justine Rogoff, DCDEE

- Stabilization Grants—there is a large range in DCDEE funds received by different programs. DCDEE's goal is to ease the funding cliff that is rapidly approaching for child care funding.
- Data Governance Structure updates—DCDEE has been working with strategic partners to put Data Use Agreements in place and are currently working on six other DUAs. Two new data contracts: FPG (to develop written policies and procedures for data sharing) & NC State Data Science Academy (to develop a custom data course to enhance capacity and skills of 10-15 existing staff. The course is slated to start in the fall).

Council Discussion

- Existing legislation will drastically shift procedures for data sharing agreements.
- Medicaid Updates: Individuals at 18% of the FPL will be eligible for a new category of the Affordable Care Act. Those who do not have disabilities will be able to access healthcare based on income alone.

Guest Speaker: Van-Kim Lin, Senior Research Scientist, Co-Director Early Childhood Systems Building Unit, Child Trends

- The Early Childhood Data Collaborative supports coordinated state ECE data systems. Marginalized social groups may face challenges in the following areas: cost of early childhood services, hours of operation, location of high-quality services, availability of services
- ECDC Recommendations to incorporate racial equity in integrated data work:
  - Designing policy questions centered on equitable processes and outcomes
  - Establishing a governance body in partnership with communities

- Creating an identification system to connect information about children, families, programs, and staff for a more complete picture of needs
- Different State Examples
  - Georgia's data dashboard that enables you to filter for different racial/equity categories.
  - California identifying methods to ensure that unique identifiers are informed by a variety of diverse stakeholders.

#### Next Steps

- Next Meeting: TBD Mid-2023