



# AGENDA

## MEETING DETAILS

<b>Committee/Work Group</b>	Early Years Service Providers
<b>Chair(s)</b>	Catherine Robinson & Fiona Goodman
<b>Date</b>	September 14 2023
<b>Time</b>	1:30 – 3:00
<b>Location</b>	Zoom
<b>Invitees</b>	Kathy Senneker; Sarah Kaufman; Gillian Jackson; Catherine Robinson; Darlene Owen; Mattea Steacy; Paula Coleman; Cathy Gladu; Fiona Goodman; Geneviève Jolicoeur; Norma McDonald; Jessica Bass; Jennifer Richardson; Christina Davis; Amanda Neiman; Jenny Vandermeer; Cathy DelMei; Gwendy Lapp; Elaine Murkin; Courtney Livingstone; Shannon Brown; Anna Goodings; Ruth Shay

## AGENDA ITEMS

Start Time	End Time	Item	Owner
1:30	1:45	<p><b>Welcome &amp; Introductions/Chair Announcement</b></p> <p>Announcing that Mattea Steacy will be taking over for Catherine Robinson as co-chair. Thanks so much to Catherine for her many years of service in the role. Catherine will still be with as Past Chair.</p> <p>Welcome to Amanda Nieman System Principal, Teaching &amp; Learning with the Upper Canada District School Board who is replacing Lisa Hunt.</p>	Fiona
1:45	2:00	<p><b>Review of Terms of Reference – For Information</b></p> <p>While these were amended and only approved in May we want to get on a cycle where we review annually in September. It allows everyone to remember why we're here.</p> <p><a href="https://everykid.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Early-Years-Service-Providers-Work-Group-TOR-May-3-2023.pdf">https://everykid.on.ca/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Early-Years-Service-Providers-Work-Group-TOR-May-3-2023.pdf</a></p>	Fiona

2:00	3:00	<p><b>Development of Work Plan – For Discussion &amp; Decision</b></p> <p>New this year Work Groups will be developing annual work plans to be approved by EKIOC’s Lead Table at its’ October 4 meeting. This is a new process and, therefore, experimental. Perfection is not the goal. A template has been provided &amp; the group can reference EKIOC’s 2023-25 Priorities document and the 2023 Fulton data report for guidance in the development of their work plan.</p> <p>One portion of the Work Plan to consider is our Welcome to Kindergarten Initiative. Historically, the Early Years Working Group coordinated quite an intensive Welcome to Kindergarten effort with local Leeds Grenville schools (UCDSB &amp; CDSBEO), which involved representatives of EKIOC partner organizations attending individual schools in person for their WTK events and manning a table to provide information about our partner organizations to parents. During COVID of course WTK events did not occur and EKIOC responded by sending schools a PowerPoint to include in their on-line WTK events. In 2022-23 we elected to continue with this approach. We thoroughly updated the slideshow and resource packages, sent to both school boards for approval, and then obtained the school boards commitment to send to all their Leeds Grenville schools for their spring WTK events. We have heard anecdotally that parents at some schools did not receive any EKIOC information or partner information. Therefore, we want to examine our approach. The first question is whether EKIOC is providing value added in the resource package or whether this is something both boards are doing in any event? If it is value added what is the best way to get the information to parents and when? Karynn has communicated with our representatives at both school boards and has heard back from Norma MacDonald at CDSBEO that moving from an online platform back to in-person creates a very different WTK event. It was very interactive, obviously involved school tours and special events hosted by the school staff. It</p>	Fiona

		would be very beneficial to have EKIOC partners there in person as well to speak to the details around childcare and community supports as they are experts in their areas. format for the WTK	
		<b>Roundtable Partner Updates for Information – If Time Allows</b>	All
		<b>Next Meeting: November 9 12:30 – 4:00 Hybrid Meeting at Family &amp; Children’s Services (Brockville)</b>	