

# State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care: Advisory to Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet

## Purpose

Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet shall ensure that the public policy of this state relating to children and youth (birth to 18 years) is developed to promote interdepartmental collaboration and program implementation in order that services designed for children and youth are planned, managed, and delivered in a holistic and integrated manner to improve the children's self-sufficiency, safety, economic stability, health, and quality of life. (Chapter 402.56, F.S.)

## Fiscal Agent

*Executive Office of the Governor*

## Membership

1. Secretary of Children and Family Services;
2. Secretary of Juvenile Justice;
3. Director of the Agency for Persons with Disabilities;
4. Director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation;
5. State Surgeon General;
6. Secretary of Health Care Administration;
7. Commissioner of Education;
8. Director of the Statewide Guardian Ad Litem Office;
9. Director of the Office of Child Abuse Prevention;
- 10-14. Five members representing children and youth advocacy organizations, who are not service providers and who are appointed by the Governor;
- 15-19. President of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Attorney General, and Chief Financial Officer, or their appointed designees, shall serve as ex officio members of the cabinet; and
20. Governor or the Governor's designee shall serve as the chair of the cabinet.

Florida Statute 402.56

## Florida's Children and Youth Cabinet

Advisory

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## Purpose

The State Advisory Council on Early Education and Care will lead the development of a high quality, comprehensive system of early childhood education and care that ensures statewide coordination and collaboration among the wide array of early childhood programs and services in the State for children ages birth to 5 years. Programs and services include Head Start, child care and pre-kindergarten programs and services. (The Reauthorized Head Start Act of 2007, H.R. 1429)

## Funding

*Head Start ARRA Grant  
(3 year period)*

## Fiscal Agent

*Agency for Workforce Innovation*

## Membership

1. A representative of the State agency responsible for child care;
2. A representative of the State educational agency;
3. A representative of local educational agencies;
4. A representative of institutions of higher education in the State;
5. A representative of local providers of early childhood education and development services;
6. A representative from Head Start agencies located in the State, including migrant and seasonal Head Start programs and Indian Head Start programs;
7. The State Director of Head Start Collaboration;
8. A representative of the State agency responsible for programs under Section 619 or Part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1419, 1431 et seq.);
9. A representative of the State agency responsible for health or mental health care; and
- 10-13. Representatives of other entities determined to be relevant by the Governor of the State.

Federal Statute H.R.1429

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