

OUR MISSION

Provide leadership and education, and coordinate resources for Idaho's young children and their families.

SEVEN (7) SHARED GOALS

1. Families and caregivers of young children have access to information, resources and support to help them raise healthy, strong children.
2. Linkages and coordination will be promoted among public and private partners, providers and programs that serve families of young children.
3. Qualitative and quantitative data will be promoted to drive policies and program decision making for the health and well-being of families with young children.
4. Idaho's young children receive appropriate healthcare and related services for optimal health and development, delivered through a medical home.
5. Families with young children have access to social and emotional screening, and when needed, assessment and age-appropriate follow-up care.
6. Families with young children have access to high-quality child care.
7. Families have access to early learning opportunities to support school readiness and their child's optimal development.

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Early Childhood Coordinating Council

VISION

Idaho's children, including those with special needs and those who are at risk, grow up healthy, safe and nurtured by their families, with quality learning opportunities and are able to reach their fullest potential supported by inclusive community services.



ABOUT THE COUNCIL

The **Early Childhood Coordinating Council (EC3)** serves as an advisory group for:

Infant Toddler Program,
Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems grant,
Maternal Infant Early Childhood Home Visiting grant,
AmeriCorps*VISTA projects, and
Head Start.

Membership on the Council is determined by state and federal laws, and has professional and geographical diversity. Parents of young children assume leadership roles by chairing the Council and working committees.

Working committees of the Council cover in depth policy reviews and program recommendations through monthly conference calls. Committees report back to the EC3 during Council quarterly meetings.

In partnership with the Idaho Community Foundation, the Council has established two **fund raising** accounts. Each account is designated for a specific purpose: 1) an endowed scholarship fund for early childhood teaching certification at the bachelor and master levels, and 2) a fund that will help with Council operations and future community grants.

This Council provides periodic review for the **State Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Plan**. The plan addresses the critical elements of health, social and emotional development, early care and education and family resources.

Seven **Regional Early Childhood Committees (RECC)** work at the local level as community outreach for the EC3. Each committee establishes an annual work plan and reports their progress to the Council.

PUBLIC OUTREACH AND EDUCATION

The EC3 connects with the public through weekly and monthly messages. Join us on Facebook by searching for: **Early Childhood Coordinating Council (EC3)**.



<http://www.facebook.com/>

An electronic quarterly communication (**EC3 Communicator**) is available through facebook and on the Early Childhood Information Clearinghouse.

www.earlychildhood.dhw.idaho.gov



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