



Texas State Advisory Council

on Early Childhood Education and Care

The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 required governors to designate or establish a State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care to improve the quality, availability, and coordination of services for children from birth to school entry. This council is designed to bring together top decision makers for collective discussion about how to better coordinate services so that young children have the supports in place that they need.



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The Improving Head Start for School Readiness Act of 2007 (Head Start Act 2007)

- Governor of each State to designate or establish a council
- Overall responsibility to facilitate the development or enhancement of high quality systems for ECEC to improve school readiness (birth to school entry)
- Wide range of programs and services – child care, head start, IDEA Part B & Part C (ECI), Pre-K



Council Member Representation

- State agency responsible for child care
- State Educational Agency
- Local Educational Agency
- Institutions of Higher Education in the State
- Local provider of ECE program
- Head Start Agency
- State Director of Head Start Collaboration
- IDEA 619 Coordinator
- IDEA Part C
- Health or Mental Health
- As determined by Governor

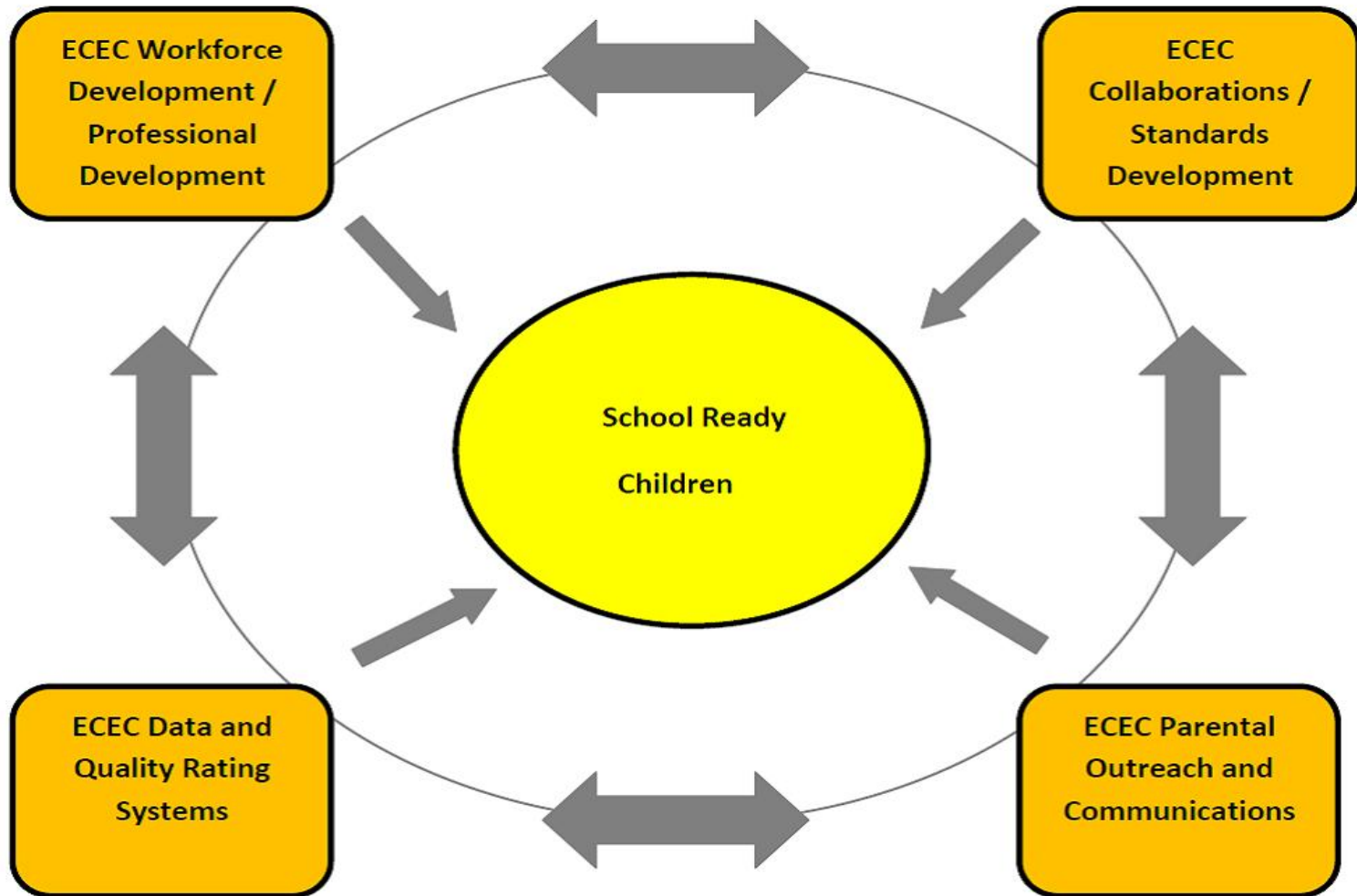


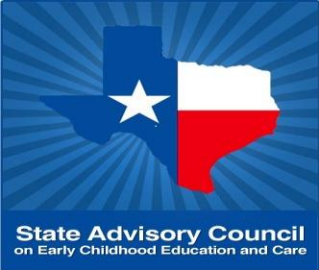
New Hires!

- Council Manager: **Don Titcombe**
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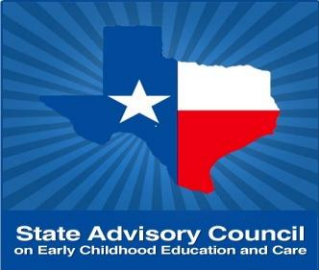
The Council's Conceptual Framework





What will the Council do?

- Over the course of three years, the Council will release over 20 Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to the public in order to spend millions on key improvements to the Texas early childhood education system.
- The Council will also draw on the skills of the staff to create new resources and tools to support school readiness in Texas



Council Goals and Objectives

- **Parental Outreach and Communications**
 1. **RFP.** Conduct a rigorous needs assessment to ascertain information on the quality and availability of early childhood education and care.
 2. **RFP.** Develop and implement strategies for outreach to underrepresented and special populations.



Council Goals and Objectives

- **Early Childhood Workforce and Professional Development**
 1. **In-house and RFPs.** Develop and implement a Career Development System for early childhood professionals.
 2. **In-house and Committee.** Develop a career lattice
 3. **RFP.** Conduct survey on wage comparability
 4. **In-house and Committee.** Develop model articulation agreements that span from community colleges to four year institutions of higher education



Council Goals and Objectives

- **Collaboration and Standards**
 1. **In-house.** Develop web-based integrated early learning cross sector standards/guidelines tool
 2. **RFP, In-house, and Committee.** Develop early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers
 3. **RFP, In-house, and Committee.** Develop a Licensed Child Care Home training and mentoring pilot



Council Goals and Objectives

- **Data and QRS**
 1. **RFP and In-house.** Research and QRS and make recommendations.
 2. **RFP.** Develop an integrated data collection system for early childhood related institutions.



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Your feedback is welcomed!

- You are encouraged to offer comments at Council public meetings (4/year)
- You may submit comments to Don Titcombe (donald.a.titcombe@uth.tmc.edu)
- Please keep apprised of Council developments at <http://www.childrenslearningintitute.org/our-programs/program-overview/state-advisory-council/>



Council Goals and Objectives

- Please check our website frequently for updated information about RFPs, contracts awarded, and other updates.
- Look for our newsletter in the coming months.
- Look for us soon on Twitter and Facebook.