

## Early Care and Education Governance

### How are members appointed or selected?

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STATE ▲	NAME OF ADVISORY ENTITY	HOW ARE MEMBERS APPOINTED OR SELECTED?	CITATION
Alabama			
	Alabama Children's Policy Council	Governor, Legislature and Alabama Children's Policy Council make appointments	Ala. Code § 26-24-30
	Alabama Children's Cabinet	Executive order and Governor	Exec. Order No. 17, (2016)
Alaska			
	Alaska Early Childhood Coordinating Council	Co-chaired by the Commissioners of the Department of Education and Early Development and the Department of Health & Social Services.  The bylaws require certain membership and the co-chairs approve representatives from other stakeholder groups who put forth representatives for consideration.	Membership: <a href="#">Link</a> Bylaws: <a href="#">Link</a>
Arizona			

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	Early Childhood Development and Health Board (First Things First)	Non-voting ex officio members: the superintendent of public instruction, the director of the department of health services and the director of the department of economic security or their staff.  Other appointments are made by the Governor as specified in statute.	Ariz. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 8-1191
Arkansas			
	Early Childhood Commission	Chair chosen annually by majority vote of commissioners.  The governor appoints representatives from various state entities.  Statute requires membership of certain chairs of state legislative committees.	Ark. Code Ann. § 20-78-501
California			
	California Early Childhood Policy Council	Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, Senate Committee on Rules, Superintendent	Cal. Educ. Code § 8286
Colorado			
	Colorado Early Childhood Leadership Commission (ECLC)	Statute and Governor	Colo. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 26-6.2-103
Connecticut			
	Connecticut Early Childhood Cabinet	Statute, governor and legislative leadership appoint or set membership.	Conn. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 10-16z
Delaware			
	Delaware Early Childhood Council	Federal requirements  Others appointed by the governor upon recommendation by the Interagency Resource Management Committee.	Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 3003 Del. Code Ann. tit. 14, § 3002

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District of Columbia			
	State Early Childhood Development Coordinating Council	Statute and Mayoral appointments	D.C. Code § 38-271.07
Florida			
	Florida Early Learning Advisory Council	Governor appointment	Website: <a href="#">Link</a>
	Florida Children and Youth Cabinet	Designated in statute	Fla. Stat. Ann. § 402.56
Georgia			
	Georgia Children's Cabinet	Governor	Exec. Order No. 06.12, (2019)
Hawaii			
	Hawaii Early Learning Board	Statute	Haw. Rev. Stat. § 302L-1.6
Idaho			
	Idaho Early Childhood Advisory Council	Federal Requirements	Exec. Order No. 14 (2019)
Illinois			
	Illinois Early Learning Council	Members appointed by legislative leadership and governor.	20 Ill. Comp. Stat. Ann. 3933/10
	Governor's Cabinet on Children and Youth	All members are appointed by the governor.	Exec. Order No. 3, (2016)
Indiana			

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	Commission on Improving the Status of Children in Indiana	Members appointed by legislative leadership and governor.	Ind. Code Ann. § 2-5-36-4
	Early Learning Advisory Committee	All members are appointed by the governor.	Ind. Code Ann. § 12-17.2-3.8-5
Iowa			
	Early Childhood Iowa Stakeholders Alliance	Self-appointed	Iowa Code Ann. § 256I.12
Kansas			
	Kansas Children's Cabinet	Members appointed by legislative leadership and governor.	Kan. Stat. Ann. § 38-1901
	Kansas Early Childhood Recommendations Panel	All members are appointed by the governor.	Exec. Order No. 2, (2020)
Kentucky			
	Kentucky Early Childhood Advisory Council	Members appointed by legislative leadership and governor.	Ky. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 200.700
Louisiana			
	Louisiana Children's Cabinet	All members are appointed by the governor.	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 46:2602
	Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Council	Members are appointed by the state superintendent, state board, and commissioner of higher education	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 17:407.51
	Children's Cabinet Advisory Board	Appointed by the governor or designated by agency heads	La. Rev. Stat. Ann. 46:2605
Maine			
	Maine Children's Cabinet	All members are appointed by the governor.	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 5, § 19131

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	Maine Children's Cabinet Early Childhood Advisory Council	Members are appointed by legislative leadership, governor, children's cabinet, and agency heads	Me. Rev. Stat. tit. 5, § 24051
Maryland			
	Maryland Children's Cabinet	All members are appointed by the governor.	Exec. Order No. 34, (2005)
	Advisory Council for Children	All members are appointed by the governor.	Exec. Order No. 34, (2005)
	Maryland Early Childhood Advisory Council	Members appointed by legislative leadership and governor.	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 7-101.2
Massachusetts			
	Massachusetts Advisory Council on Early Education and Care	Members are appointed by legislative leadership and the commissioner of education.	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. 15D § 3A
	Massachusetts Board of Early Education and Care	All members are appointed by the governor.	Mass. Gen. Laws Ann. 15D § 3
Minnesota			
	State Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care	Members are appointed by legislative leadership and the governor.	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 124D.141 Exec. Order No. 14, (2008) Exec. Order No. 34, (2019)
	Minnesota Children's Cabinet	All members are appointed by the governor.	Minn. Stat. Ann. § 4.045 Exec. Order No. 34, (2019)
	Governor's Children's Cabinet Advisory Council	All members are appointed by the governor.	Exec. Order No. 34, (2019)
Mississippi			

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	Mississippi State Early Childhood Advisory Council	Appointed by the Governor., inclusive of specific representatives	Miss. Code. Ann. § 37-21-53
Missouri			
	Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood	Appointed by the Governor with Senate approval	Mo. Ann. Stat. § 210.102
Montana			
	Montana Best Beginnings Advisory Council	Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services appoints members.	<a href="#">Link</a>
Nebraska			
	Nebraska Early Childhood Interagency Coordinating Council	Appointed by the Governor	Neb. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 43-3401
Nevada			
	Nevada Early Childhood Advisory Council	Appointed by the Governor	<a href="#">Link</a>
New Hampshire			
	New Hampshire Council for Thriving Children	Appointed by Governor.	Exec. Order No. 3, (2020)
New Jersey			
	New Jersey Council for Young Children	Appointed by Governor.	EO 2010-162 Exec. Order No. 162, (2010)
New Mexico			
	New Mexico Early Learning Advisory Council	Appointed by Governor	Exec. Order No. 8, (2018)

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	New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department Advisory Council	Unclear	
New York			
	New York Early Childhood Advisory Council	Appointed by Governor	N.Y. Soc. Serv. Law § 483-g
North Carolina			
	North Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council	Appointed by Governor	Exec. Order No. 40, (2018)
	North Carolina B-3 Interagency Council	Legislation determines some membership, Speaker of House and President Pro Tempore of Senate appoint public members, house members and senate members.	N.C. Gen. Stat. Ann. § 115C-64.25
North Dakota			
	North Dakota Early Childhood Education Council	Some members are determined by statute, others are appointed by Governor	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 15.1-37-02
	North Dakota Children's Cabinet	Some members are determined by statute, others are appointed by Governor	N.D. Cent. Code Ann. § 50-06-43.1
Ohio			
	Ohio Early Childhood Advisory Council	Governor	Ohio Rev. Code Ann. § 3301.90
	Ohio Governor's Children's Initiative	The Initiative Director (selected by the Governor) is the appointing authority.	Exec. Order No. 02D, (2019)
Oklahoma			
	Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness Board	Governor	Okla. Stat. Ann. tit. 10, § 640.1

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Oregon			
	Oregon Early Learning Council	Governor	Or. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 326.425
	Oregon Governor's Children's Cabinet	Governor	Unable to locate.
Pennsylvania			
	Pennsylvania Early Learning Council	Governor	4 Pa. Code § 6.363
Rhode Island			
	Rhode Island Early Learning Council	Governor	n/a
	Rhode Island Children's Cabinet	The cabinet is to be comprised of the directors of the following departments: Administration; Health and Human Services; Children, Youth and Families; Behavioral Healthcare; Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals; Health, Postsecondary Education; Elementary and Secondary Education; Human Services; Labor and Training; among others. The governor or their designee is also a member with the governor designating one of the members to be the chairperson.	R.I. Gen. Laws Ann. § 42-72.5-1
South Carolina			
	South Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council	The membership of the advisory council is exclusively composed of the membership of the Board of Trustees of the South Carolina First Steps to School Readiness Initiative.	
Texas			
	Texas Early Learning Council	Council members are appointed by the governor.	
Utah			



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	Early Childhood Utah	Unclear	
	Governor's Early Childhood Commission	Defined in statute	Utah Code Ann. § 63M-13-201
Vermont			
	Building Bright Futures	Some defined in statute, some appointments by legislative leadership and the governor	Vt. Stat. Ann. tit. 43, § 4602
Virginia			
	Early Childhood Care and Education Advisory Committee		
Washington			
	Early Learning Advisory Council	Appointed by the governor	Wash. Rev. Code Ann. § 43.216.075
West Virginia			
	Early Childhood Advisory Council of West Virginia	Appointed by the governor	Exec. Order No. 13, (2018)
Wisconsin			
	Governor's Early Childhood Advisory Council	Appointed by the governor	Exec. Order No. 269, (2008)
Wyoming			
	Wyoming Early Childhood State Advisory Council	Appointed by the governor	Exec. Order No. 4, (2019)