

Connecticut's Early Childhood Investment Initiative: Second Quarter Fiscal Update for the Early Childhood Education Cabinet¹

Summary

As of January 14, there were 17 action items related to budget. Ten have been completed, five are in process, and two have not been started yet.

Budget Items	Budget Status	Second Quarter Update and Target Dates
Cabinet Staffing	Complete	Cabinet staff on board: Joyce Staples, Marcus Rivera, Jessica Andrews
Strategic Communications	Complete	Scope of work/purchase order in place with the CT Economic Resource Center under existing DAS contract.
Parent Trust Fund	Complete	MOU completed. Funds transferred to the Children's Trust Fund. RFP process complete. Funds awarded and announced.
Bridgeport Leadership in Action Program (LAP)	Complete	Funds transferred.
Building Local Capacity	Complete	Joint agreement signed. RFP issues. Grant awards made. Year one funds to be released to communities shortly.
Quality: ECERS and Preschool Program Funds	Complete	MOU with Charter Oak State College complete. Funds being transferred as per schedule.
Early Care and Education Data Registry	Complete	MOU with Community College System signed. Funds transfer in process per schedule.
ECE Workforce Plan	Complete	MOU with OWC complete. Consultant at work. Funds being transferred.
PreK-K Facilities Plan/TA	Complete	MOU with CHEFA complete. Interim report filed with Governor and CGA. Funds being transferred per schedule.
Summit	Complete	MOU signed. Funds transfer being completed.
Council Staffing & Support	Contract to be awarded in January	RFP issued in December. Application under review by Council Chairs. Target decision date: By the 3 rd week of January. Target start date: Immediately upon selection.
RBA/Accountability Plan	In process	RFP issued. Contract awarded. Returned several times from the AG's office. In process at AG's Office
QRIS Plan and Rating Scale	In process	Dr. Peg Oliveira under contract to prepare CT Quality Improvement Resource Notebook for February 7 th open QRIS forum. Anne Mitchell and Louise Stoney (national experts) under contract for TA. Determination of how to provide project management under discussion.
Data Interoperability	In process	Purchase of service being explored with the Public Consulting Group under existing DAS contract
Early Childhood Research Network	In process	MOU to Higher Ed complete to secure design for Cabinet's required PreK-3 rd study. NIEER staff to design. Discussions under way with CT Higher Ed institutions about research consortium and other study design per Executive Order #13 and RBA.
Quality Improvement Community	Not begun	Proposals might include: preschool professional development, preschool consultation network (Cabinet SFY 07 top priority).
Child Poverty and Prevention Council Cost-Modeling	Not begun	MOU to be developed between the Cabinet and OPM.