



Strong Backbone Report Out Tool

Strategic Priority

Strengthen the system of early childhood supports so that it is accessible, equitable, and directly linked to family needs

Actions

List the action being worked on:

- Develop advocacy/ systems change agenda to proactively plan for major issues impacting early childhood (e.g. Kirwan; meeting family needs in order to enable on-time attendance, ex: pre-K out of school time in every school, summer Head Start, year-round, full-day programs).
- Build a cohesive childhood system amongst agencies, public & private organizations so that there is a coordinated system; end result - acceptable to parents and it is useful.

What work has been done:

- Received updates from PSA regarding early childhood systems report and provided feedback on work to date.
- Based on Martha Hollemon's report for Able Foundation: Child Care After COVID, Strong Backbone has determined making the child care scholarship more accessible for families is a vital piece of supporting families and providers. Strong Backbone has begun initial discussions on action items the ECAC can take to make the child care scholarship more accessible for families.

What else is needed to move this action further or complete it:

- In order to work in alignment with broader ECAC work, Strong Backbone will determine which action steps to lift up to the entire coalition after the early childhood systems report draft is ready and reviewed.

Any new actions as a result of working on this action:

- N/A

**Any items ECAC needs to vote on? Not at this time
If so we need background information included. N/A**

Performance Measures (Targets)

With the work being done on this action does it move us closer to our performance measures? Yes

Are the additional performance measures / targets that we need? None at this time.