

**Early Childhood Education (ECE) Advisory Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**3:00-4:00pm**  
**Lake Tahoe Community College**  
**Zoom**

**Attendees**

Brad Deeds (Dean of Workforce Development and Instruction/LTCC), Sara Hunter (Administrative Assistant/LTCC), Jeff Cowen (Board of Trustees Member/LTCC), Elizabeth Blakemore (Director of Early Learning and Family Support/El Dorado County Office of Education), and Leslie Amato (Director of Early Learning Programs/LTCC)

**Partner/Member Updates**

**Elizabeth/EDCOE:**

- Areas of focus include workforce development and professional development
- Massive workforce shortage continues; challenge is staffing fully qualified teachers
- ECE Apprenticeship Program currently has first round of cohorts; identified barriers include lack in academic preparedness and lack in required basic skills
- Entry level positions in ECE require higher education courses, which require time and money investments

**Leslie/LTCC:**

- High level of support is needed to help the cohort get through classes and training
- Would like to continue to support future cohorts, and would like to work on ways to remove barriers
- At the Child Development Center, part-time employees are limited to 945 hrs/year. The CDC is open year-round, and this leads to very limited staff after many meet their hour limit before the summer
- CCAMPIS Grant was renewed; hopes to hire a Student Parent Engagement specialist

**Brad/LTCC:**

- Would like to explore partnership with ADVANCE to provide more wrap-around supports
- ESL/ECE combination course could be beneficial to a large population of ECE students

**ECE Program/Curriculum Updates**

- Annual Program Review was shared and reviewed
- ECE 127- Infants and Toddlers: Development and Care
  - Required course to qualify to work directly with infants and toddlers, will be in high demand
  - ECE 127 is currently offered every Fall quarter at LTCC
- New Business Information Worker (BIW) courses coming to LTCC:
  - BIW courses will focus on office skills, word processing, and basic computer skill classes
  - Will be offered as both for-credit and non-credit
- There are two Certificates of Achievement: Site Supervisor and Early Childhood Education Certificate of Achievement. College website needs to be updated.

**Perkins:** There is no current update.

**Adjournment**