



## SFY 21 Annual Report: • Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Board and Licensed Child Care Centers Advisory Board

### History

The Indiana General Assembly created the Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Board and the Licensed Child Care Centers Advisory Board to provide to the division information, advice and assistance concerning implementation of child care regulations.

### Annual Report

Indiana Code 12-17.2-2.5-6 requires that each board annually report to the interim study committee on public health, behavioral health and human services established by IC 2-5-1.3-4 in an electronic format under IC 5-14-6 concerning activities during the previous year.

### Activities

Both boards have appointed voting members but encourage all licensed child care homes and centers to participate in the meetings by offering meetings virtually. Each board holds meetings quarterly and in a manner to encourage maximum participation.

The following is a synopsis of activities for SFY 21:

#### Licensed Child Care Home Advisory Board

*Chairperson, Stephanie McKinstry*

- Family Childcare Cohort: Early Learning Indiana and SPARK Learning Lab helped build a better understanding of coaching and tools available to aid and support providers advance in Paths to Quality.
- The director of child care licensing joined the board meeting and shared her vision for the office.
- In collaboration with SPARK, work and discussion focused on new training supports for child care providers. Participants included our Child Care Resource and Referral agencies and SPARK licensing consultants.
- The Family and Social Service Administration's Office of Early Childhood and out of School Learning provided new information on licensed home statistics and data, COVID-19 guidance, grant opportunities and various updates on changes to applicable law, and resource links.



## Licensed Child Care Center Advisory Board

*Chairperson, Carol Johnson*

- The state placed great emphasis on intentional conversations with providers to better understand providers' concerns and support providers' needs.
- Group conversations were provocative and enabled group members to learn from one another's successes and solutions.
- Upon OECOSL making available new programs or resources, these updates were included in the board's agenda in an effort to ensure stakeholders remained apprised of the latest information.
- The board was given opportunities to provide helpful feedback of programming and supports.
- Board meeting agendas were inclusive and informative. Portions of the agenda were frequently dedicated to representatives from INAEYC/TEACH and SPARK. During the Indiana legislative session, United Way of Central Indiana educated the board on proposed legislation that impacted child care. OECOSL made sure to inform the board of changes to local intake offices for the Child Care and Development Fund (i.e., voucher program) and to enable dialogue to resolve any stakeholder confusion or questions.
- The inclusion of licensing consultants at board meetings was highly valued, which produced meaningful dialogue from the whole group.