



# CT Office of Early Childhood Parent Cabinet

## Meeting Agenda

April 27, 2026  
6:00pm-8pm

Zoom Meeting

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**Mission:** *To build strong connections, listen intentionally, and partner with Connecticut families of young children, communities, and OEC to incorporate the expertise of all parents throughout the early childhood system to ensure family-driven equitable policies and programs.*

**Co-Facilitators:** Parent Cabinet members: Kelly Sorrow (region 4) & Christina (region 6)

**Timekeeper:** Chenae

**Meeting Purpose** (*Why is this meeting needed?*):

- To continue to strengthen relationships and communication
- Ensure members have tools and information needed to succeed in mission

**Intended Outcomes** (*What do we want to achieve by the end of this? What will success look like?*):

- Parent Cabinet agree on moving forward with outreach and meeting restructure and decide on when it should go into effect.
- Members have clarity and questions answered on OEC legislative, Endowment and Local Needs Assessment and support for how to communicate within their regions.

Time	Agenda Item	Facilitator/Presenters/Speakers
6:00-6:05pm 5 minutes	<b>Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting guidelines</li> </ul>	Chenae R - Parent Cabinet Coordinator, OEC - Framer
6:05-6:15pm 10 minutes	<b>Connect Activity</b>	Christina Pace, Parent Cabinet, region 3

<p>6:15pm-6:30pm 15 minutes</p>	<p><b>PC Announcements, Recent + Upcoming Events</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New England Fathering Conference/ HV Conference – Parent Panel</li> <li>• Stamford Community Conversation – (W.E.L.L subcommittee)</li> </ul> <p>Others?</p>	<p><b>Kelly S, Parent Cabinet, region 4</b></p> <p>Cris J., Parent Cabinet Region 4 Jenny Canepa , Regan Allan , Region 1, Lorna Thomas-Farquharson, OEC</p>
<p>6:30-7:05pm 35 minutes</p>	<p><b>OEC Updates , Announcements</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Congratulating Commissioner Trueworthy</li> <li>• Legislative</li> <li>• Endowment</li> <li>• New Division – Parent and Community Leadership and Outreach</li> <li>• Local Needs Assessment for Local Governance Partners</li> </ul>	<p><b>Christina Pace, Parent Cabinet, region 3</b></p> <p>Commissioner Elena Trueworthy, OEC</p> <p>Maggie Adair, Communications &amp; Legislative Program Manager, OEC</p> <p>Karen Pascale, CT Head Start Collaboration Office Director, OEC</p> <p>Jess Bialecki, Director of Early Childhood Education, Social Impact Partners</p>
<p>7:05pm-7:15pm 10 minutes</p>	<p><b>Subcommittee updates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parent Cabinet Subcommittees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Access + Affordability: Care 4 Kids</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p><b>Christina Pace, Parent Cabinet, region 3</b></p>
<p>7:15pm-7:50pm 35 minutes</p>	<p><b>PC meeting and outreach restructure follow up + Regional Break Outs</b></p>	<p><b>Kelly S, Parent Cabinet member, region 4</b></p> <p><b>Chenae R - Parent Cabinet Coordinator, OEC</b></p>
<p>7:55pm-8:00pm 5 minutes</p>	<p><b>Closing/Evaluation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any other questions or concerns?</li> <li>• Next meeting May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2026</li> <li>• Evaluation link</li> </ul>	<p><b>Chenae R - Parent Cabinet Coordinator, OEC</b></p>