

## Early Childhood Education (ECE) Advisory Committee

**Meeting Date:** Thursday, November 7, 2024

**Time:** 9:00-10:00am

### **External Participants: 9**

Kim Lamz – CCR&R Director – 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care  
Kendra Nenia – Higher Education Navigator – 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care  
Dina Alzeer – Higher Education Navigator – 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care  
Jax Carrillo – Higher Education Navigator – 4-C: Community Coordinated Child Care  
Aaron Confer – Youth Development Director – Kishwaukee Family YMCA  
Rachel Engel – Director – Walnut Street Daycare Center, Genoa IL  
Steve Kimmel – Early Childhood Teacher – Kishwaukee Education Consortium (KEC)  
Malia Jones – Family and Community Engagement Specialist – Birth to Five Illinois  
Samantha McDavid – Coordinator for Early Learning Programs – DeKalb County Regional Office of Education

### **Internal Participants: 6**

Judson Curry – Dean – ACSS/MS  
Ariel Owens – Associate Dean – ACSS/MS  
Alea Akers – Academic Advisor and ECE Mentor  
Maria Lombardo – Director – Kishwaukee College Early Learning Center  
Anna Harvey – ADJ Instructor – ECE  
Kailey Bednarek – Administrative Specialist I – ACSS/da-adjunct

faculty member Anna Harvey, has received IAI approval as an adjunct instructor for the course.

- B. Registration for SP25 is underway with many incoming high school students showing interest in the ECE program.
  - C. Based on enrollment, Kish will consider implementing additional (on-campus/person/hybrid) options to help balance student needs when possible in future semesters.
- II. Student Completion and Success Data
- A. ECE continues to see high success rates in terms of student retention and course completion. Three students are projected to complete the program in fall, and an additional eight are projected for completion of the program in spring.
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- B. Although state ECACE funding has ended, Kish continues to collaborate with the consortium and submit student and program data to the state.
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