

**Report for the Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood**  
*January 6, 2015*

**Workgroup:** Early Care and Education Programs

**Chair:** Carol Scott; **Co-Chair** Christy Brookins

**Date of last meeting:** December 11, 2014

**Date of next meeting:** April or May 2015

**Action Items In-progress/Pending:**

- At the December meeting, we had a report on the upcoming changes to the state's approach to working with registered vendors receiving subsidy, in light of the reauthorization of the federal Child Care and Development Block Grant.
- The group discussed potential future meeting agendas.

**Announcements:**

- None.

**Questions for the board/larger group:** Request to add Lisa Driskel Hawxby to the workgroup, as a representative from OPEN.

**Other notes:** When asked "Why do you serve on this workgroup?" members responded:

- a. Collaboration; best practice learning; professional support
- b. Important to stay on top of federal and state initiatives
- c. State department's interest in making investments work well
- d. Important to keep state funding alive; center has benefited from AFP, TEACH, and other programs
- e. Advocacy on a state level and always looking for solutions to higher quality on limited resources
- f. Making a difference for children and families
- g. The state can hear from the field as a way to inform how they will spend resources
- h. Represent rural children and families who need EC services
- i. What happens at the state level has a direct impact on our children and families
- j. Learning about how regulation affects the programs that serve children
- k. Crucial to resolve the need for better quality in the early years
- l. Time for MO to start moving up the quality of our care

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