

# Other State ECAC Accomplishments

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## **Colorado:**

- Creation of a MOU between the office of the Lt. Governor, DPI, DHS, to support a shared, seamless system of quality learning environments for the state's young children. This included the promotion of effective programs for children and families, and a shared effort to ensure the public dollars for young children are spent to ensure that impact is as great as possible.

## **District of Columbia:**

- Conducted a public hearing to introduce the concept of the council to the early childhood community and to request input on a plan for activities for three years.

## **Maine:**

- Council drafted legislation to link the child care tax credit to the QRS. (Did not pass)
- Council also applied for and received private funding to support a comprehensive communication plan.
- Council provided feedback on the Interagency Agreement on Early Childhood Special Education document for CPI and HHS.

## **Maryland:**

- The Council brought the PBIS and SEFEL interventions together to support the transition.

## **Nevada:**

- Developed a policy recommendation for the state Legislature to increase school readiness.

## **Ohio:**

- ECAC has developed recommendations to align early learning and third grade reading guarantee strategies to create greater cross-system innovation and partnership at the state and local levels.
  - Create a "cross-systems" early childhood budget.
  - Increase the # of program participating in the QRIS.
  - Provide increased support for the enhanced market for QRIS to providers.
  - Maintain an adequate market rate for child care providers.
  - Balance the need for access with the need to improve quality.
  - Ensure that young children are receiving necessary mental health intervention through ECMH consultation and treatment.
  - Strengthen family partnership strategies through home visiting to improve the quality of children's health, development, language, and literacy development at home.
  - Offer Early Education Incentive Grants to school districts.
  - Support the Ready Schools Initiative and utilize to align PreK-Third Grade goals.
  - Re-examine fiscal year funds to address current and future needs.

## **Oregon:**

- Council informed the development of proposed legislation that would identify regional community-based coordinators of early learning services. These coordinators would facilitate planning among local partners and coordinate early learning services in a defined area.
- Council developed and has submitted a proposed financial model for a comprehensive children's budget on early learning and development services.

## **Vermont:**

- Council developed a biennial early childhood policy guidance document that identified several priorities such as including increasing access to early care and education service for all children, decreasing child abuse and neglect with a specific focus on children from birth to age six, and increasing the number of young children from birth to six who receive routine developmental screenings.