

# Early Childhood Advisory Council(ECAC)

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# Introduction

The guidelines in this presentation offer a basic framework of essential elements necessary to effectively design and implement an Early Childhood Advisory Council or “ECAC”. An ECAC is an advisory group that supports the unique, and particular needs of a district’s high-quality preschool program.

# Definition: Early Childhood Advisory Council

Early childhood advisory council or “ECAC” means an advisory group of community stakeholders interested in the education and welfare of children in preschool through grade three that is convened by the school district(N.J.A.C.6A:13A-1.2).

Districts should convene the ECAC at times that are conducive to stakeholders participation in community-wide planning.

# Integral Components

A Community and Parent Involvement Specialist(CPIS). The CPIS oversees the district's family services under the direction of the Early Childhood Supervisor/Administrator and is responsible for:

- facilitating the community needs assessment
- Organizing and scheduling meetings
- Assist with organizing events

Community Needs Assessment(CNA)

Districts will conduct a district-wide assessment of community needs and resources in order for the ECAC to be productive, relevant and understand the issues and needs that affect the early childhood program.

## Who Does The Team Consist of:

- Parents
- Community stakeholders
- District Community Parent Involvement Specialist(CPIS)
- School District Personnel

## Responsibilities of the Council

- Serve as a liaison between community and school
- Review and comment on the draft of the Three Year and Annual Operational Plan update
- Review and comment on preschool budgets proposed by the district and the district self-assessment.
- Meet at least quarterly

Concentrate on preschool as well as the preschool through third grade continuum

# Thank You!

Any ideas or input please share  
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