

Atlanta Early Education Leadership Council Work Session #1

February 28, 2018 | 8:30 am - Noon

Atlanta City Hall | 68 Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Ga. 30303

PURPOSE

- *Learn more about the membership and other aspects of the Atlanta Early Learning Council*
- *Review drafts of a vision, imperatives, and a framework*
- *Develop clarity on our role and interests*

8:30 **Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review**

After a welcome from the chair, Stephanie Blank, our facilitator, Bill Potapchuk, will lead introductions and review the agenda.

8:50 **Overview of the Atlanta Early Learning Council**

We will start with an overview of the Atlanta Early Education Leadership Council (AEELC). We will also discuss our meeting schedule and the initial plans for each of the meetings.

9:20 **The State of Early Care and Learning in Atlanta**

We will learn about the status of early care and education in Atlanta from both a citywide and neighborhood perspective.

10:10 **Break**

10:25 **Learning from Cities Across the Nation**

Tonja Rucker, the Program Director for Early Childhood Success from the National League of Cities, will brief us strategies employed by cities across the nation.

10:50 **Envisioning Possibilities in Atlanta**

Working in small groups and in plenary, we will explore possible futures for early childhood efforts, from 0-8, in Atlanta.

11:45 **Next Steps and Closing Comments**

Noon **Adjourn**

Atlanta Early Education Leadership Council

Work Session #2

March 28, 2018 | 8:30 am - Noon

Atlanta City Hall | 68 Mitchell Street, Atlanta, Ga. 30303

PURPOSE

- *Learn more about the financing of early childhood*
- *Learn about the status of infant and toddler work in Atlanta*
- *Develop initial direction of recommendations for infants and toddlers*

8:30	Coffee and Mingling
8:45	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review After a welcome from the chair, Stephanie Blank, our facilitator, Bill Potapchuk, will lead introductions and review the agenda.
9:00	Financing High Quality Early Childhood Louise Stoney of the Alliance for Early Childhood Finance will provide an overview of how early childhood is financed and where there are financing challenges.
9:40	The Infant and Toddler Landscape DECAL Commissioner Amy Jacobs will discuss what we are currently doing for infants and toddlers, the existing gaps and recommendations for strengthening the infant and toddler landscape in Atlanta. This will be followed by Q and A.
10:10	Break
10:25	What Works? Exploring Ideas for Atlanta A work group focused on infants and toddlers has worked to identify ideas to be considered by the Council. After a brief overview, there will be lightning presentations on a number of different ideas and discussion by the full council.
11:45	Next Steps and Closing Comments
Noon	Adjourn

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Work Session #3

April 12, 2018 | 8:30 am - Noon

United Way of Greater Atlanta 40 Courtland Ave., NE, Suite 300

PURPOSE

- *Discuss Infant and Toddler recommendations*
- *Develop initial direction of recommendations for Pre-K and the transition of Pre-K into Kindergarten*
- *Begin conversation around financing*

8:30	Coffee and Mingling
8:45	Welcome, Introductions, Agenda Review After a welcome from the chair, Stephanie Blank, our facilitator, Bill Potapchuk, will lead introductions and review the agenda.
9:00	Reviewing Draft Recommendations for Infants and Toddlers Mindy Binderman will present the draft recommendations for discussion.
9:40	P3 Presentation Dr. Nicole Patten Terry, Director of the Urban Child Study Center at Georgia State University, will discuss P3 systems and the promise they hold for creating a high quality continuum of learning for all children.
9:50	The Pre-K Landscape Georgia's universal Pre-K program is one of the best in the nation. DECAL Commissioner Amy Jacobs will provide a brief overview of the program and will answer questions.
10:10	Break
10:20	Transitions from Pre-K to Kindergarten: Presentation and Discussion Atlanta Public Schools is focused on strong early education partnerships and smooth transitions into elementary school. Sydney Ahearn, Director of Early Learning, will discuss this work and answer questions.
10:40	Discussion of Pre-K and School Transition Ideas Discuss ideas presented by Commissioner Jacobs and Sydney Ahearn
11:15	Initial Focus on Financing Stephanie Blank will lead an initial conversation on how we are thinking of approaching financing the forthcoming recommendations.
11:45	Next Steps and Closing Comments
Noon	Adjourn

Atlanta Early Education Leadership Council
Work Session #4

April 26, 2018 | 8:30 am - Noon
United Way of Greater Atlanta | 40 Courtland Ave., NE, Suite 300

PURPOSE

- *Discuss Pre-K and transitions from Pre-K into K recommendations*
- *Develop initial direction of recommendations for Health and Wellness*

8:30	Coffee and Mingling
8:45	Welcome, Agenda Review, Process Overview After a welcome from the chair, Stephanie Blank, our facilitator, Bill Potapchuk, will review the agenda. Mindy Binderman will discuss the process for recommendations and the development of the final report.
9:15	Reviewing Draft Recommendations for Pre-K and Transitions from Pre-K into K Erin Hames will present the draft recommendations for discussion. Stephanie Blank will facilitate a conversation about these draft recommendations.
9:45	The Health and Wellness Landscape for Children 0-8 Dr. Yasmin Tyler-Hill will present on important maternal and child health issues facing families in Atlanta. There will be a time of Q & A after her presentation.
10:15	Break
10:25	Panel: Meeting the health and social-emotional needs of young children in Atlanta Stephanie Blank will moderate a panel of childcare providers in the city to discuss the health and well being of children and families, how childcare centers are addressing their needs and how systemic changes could serve all families well. The panel will include Donna Davidson (Easter Seals), Michelle Hill (Kidazzle), Tiffany Hill (YMCA) and Blythe Robinson (Sheltering Arms).
10:55	Healthy Beginnings Susan Bertonaschi and Nurse Johnnie Thomas will present on the nurse navigator program and how it could be replicated in other centers. There will be a time of Q & A after their presentation.
11:05	Discussion of the health and well being recommendations Bill Potapchuk will facilitate this discussion.
11:50	Next Steps and Closing Comments
Noon	Adjourn

Atlanta Early Education Leadership Council
Work Session #5

May 18, 2018 | 8:30 am - Noon
UNITED WAY | 40 Courtland St NE

PURPOSE

- *Review our vision and values*
- *Review draft recommendations on previously discussed topics*
- *Focus on finance*

8:30	Coffee and Mingling
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8:45	Welcome and Agenda Review After a welcome from the chair, Stephanie Blank, our facilitator, Bill Potapchuk, will review the agenda.
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8:55	Strolling Thunder Update Vett Vandiver will provide an update on the Strolling Thunder Event hosted by GEEARS on Saturday, May 12 th .
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9:05	PAACT and our Values Stephanie Blank will present the idea of PAACT (Promise that all Atlanta Children Thrive) and our values (which is a revised version of the imperatives that we previously discussed). Bill will facilitate the conversation.
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9:30	Presentation on Financing Strategies to Raise New Revenue David Sjoquist, an economics faculty member in the Andrew Young School of Policy Studies at Georgia State University, and Nicholas Warner, a research associate at the Center for State and Local Finance and Fiscal Research Center at Georgia State University will provide a brief background on financing strategies to raise revenue.
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9:50	Discussion on Finance The presentation will be followed by questions and answers and the group will have an opportunity to share reactions. Stephanie will facilitate.
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10:10	Break
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10:25	Reviewing Draft Recommendations We will discuss the draft recommendations that have been distributed to Council members focusing primarily on those recommendations where there are concerns or questions. This session will start with an opportunity for Council members to read the draft recommendations and complete a worksheet on each.
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11:25	How will We Measure Success Erin will kick off a discussion on the selection of outcomes we may use to measure success over time.
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11:50	Next Steps and Closing Comments
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Work Session #6

June 12, 2018 | 8:30 am - Noon

UNITED WAY | 40 Courtland St NE

PURPOSE

- *Review and finalize draft recommendations*
- *Focus on implementation*
- *Affirming our commitments to PAACT*

8:30	Coffee and Mingling
8:45	Welcome, Agenda Review After a welcome from the chair, Stephanie Blank, our facilitator, Bill Potapchuk, will review the agenda.
9:15	Finalizing our Recommendations We will review and discuss recommendations that have been modified based upon your guidance from the last meeting. Bill will facilitate.
10:00	Discussing PAACT Commitments A promise means commitments. We will discuss possible commitments to PAACT (Promise that all Atlanta Children Thrive) for major stakeholders and sectors.
10:15	Break
10:30	Discussing PAACT Commitments (continued)
11:00	Discussing Implementation Moving our recommendations forward will require commitment and capacity. We will discuss GEEARS as a possible home for this work.
11:45	Reflections and Closing Comments Participants will be asked to share reflections as we bring this phase of the Council to a close.
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