

Early Childhood Coalition Community of Practice Meeting Agenda

Date: Thursday, July 17, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Location: P&J Tendercare (In-person & Zoom)

6:00 PM – 6:05 PM: Welcome & Introductions

- Brief welcome and acknowledgement of both in-person and Zoom attendees.
- Quick round of introductions for any new participants.

6:05 PM – 6:15 PM: Reflection on Previous Meetings

- Open discussion: What were the key takeaways or impactful moments from our last few Community of Practice sessions?
- Share any strategies or ideas you've implemented in your practice since our last meeting.

6:15 PM – 6:25 PM: Pyramid Model Practice discussion

- Dedicated time for sharing experiences and insights on applying Pyramid Model strategies.
- What challenges have you encountered? What successes have you celebrated?
- Opportunity for peer support and problem-solving related to Pyramid Model implementation.

6:25 PM – 6:35 PM: Books to Review: *The Power of Presence*

- Brief overview of the book *The Power of Presence* and its relevance to early childhood education.

6:35 PM – 6:45 PM: Mentor/Mentee Program FY26 – Launch & Engagement

- Overview Mentor/Mentee Program.

- Discussion on how current members can get involved (as mentors or mentees).
- Share insights on the benefits and impact of the program.
- Q&A for interested participants.

6:45 PM – 6:55 PM: Champions of Early Childhood Education (CECE) Awards

- **Announcement:** The CECE Awards will be held on **Friday, October 24th at 6:00 PM at the Butterworth Center in Moline!**
- Reminder: Nominations are still open through **mid-August**.
- Encouragement to nominate deserving Early Childhood Education and Care professionals who go above and beyond.
- Brief discussion on what makes a "Champion" in ECE.

6:55 PM – 7:00 PM: Open Forum & Next Steps

- Opportunity for any quick announcements, questions, or topics not yet covered.
- Confirm date for the next Community of Practice meeting (August 21st, 6 PM).