

Child Care Services Advisory Committee and Early Childhood Services Advisory Board

Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 19, 2026
Room 327B, Judicial Wing, State Capitol

Call to order at 10:03am

Roll call

- Child Care Services Advisory Committee
 - Present: Rep. Macy Bolinske, Rep. Brandy Pyle, Sen. Todd Beard, Sen. Kyle Davison, Debra Beard, Keely Ihry, Kenzi Brown, Verla Jung, Kari Kapp, and Lorrie Thoenke
 - Absent: Kaila Wentz
- Early Childhood Services Advisory Board
 - Present: Catherine Heyd, Kirsten Hopp, and Tania Zerr
 - Absent: Rhoda Elmi, Ashlynn Gafford, Linda Schroeder, and Shelby Short

Updates and group discussion

- Results from licensing specialist survey
- Number of bathrooms
- City ordinances
- CACFP discussion (Stacie Morowski, Child and Adult Care Food Program Manager, Child Nutrition & Food Distribution)
- Draft timeline of rule change process
- Number of license types by state
- Ratio and group size by state
- Program type recommendations
 - The committee supports shifting approved relative providers to self-declaration, ensuring ongoing health and safety oversight.
 - The committee also supports shifting in-home to self-declaration, while maintaining the current consideration of CCAP paying for the child when cared for in the child's home if high-need health considerations are present.

Recess for lunch

- 12:10-1:05pm

Committee work block: licensing framework

- Committee members participated in an open discussion about the proposed licensing framework.

Closing comments

- At the next meeting, the committee will continue discussions and considerations about the following provider groupings:
 - Family/Group-home/residential-based Group-facility
 - Could have a preschool designation
 - Center/School Age/non-residential-based Group-facility
 - Could have a preschool designation
 - Self-dec/approved relative/in-home
- Next meeting
 - Thursday, April 16, 2026
 - Room 327B, Judicial Wing, State Capitol

Adjournment

- Meeting was adjourned at 2:55pm.