

# EARLY CHILDHOOD ADVISORY COUNCIL (ECAC)

A LOCAL, DISTRICT-LEVEL GROUP  
OF PARENTS, EDUCATORS, AND  
COMMUNITY MEMBERS.

# ROLES

ADVISES ON HIGH-QUALITY PRESCHOOL  
(PREK-3) PROGRAMS.

SUPPORTS SMOOTH TRANSITIONS FOR  
CHILDREN.

CONNECTS FAMILIES WITH RESOURCES,  
TO ENSURE LOCAL NEEDS ARE MET.

OPERATE UNDER NJ COUNCIL FOR  
YOUNG CHILDREN, LEARN MORE,

# FUNCTIONS AND GOALS

REVIEWS THE IMPLEMENTATION OF LOCAL PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS.

CONDUCTS COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENTS TO IDENTIFY ISSUES.

FOCUSES ON HELPING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES TRANSITION SMOOTHLY FROM PRESCHOOL TO KINDERGARTEN AND BEYOND (PREK-3).

FOSTERS PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN SCHOOLS, FAMILIES, BUSINESSES, COLLEGES, AND HEALTH AGENCIES.

# REQUIRED

SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE REQUIRED BY NJ  
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE TO ESTABLISH AN  
ECAC.

OFTEN ORGANIZED INTO SUB-COMMITTEES  
(NEEDS ASSESSMENT, TRANSITION, ETC.) TO  
TACKLE SPECIFIC GOALS.

ECAC MAKES SURE HIGH-QUALITY EARLY  
EDUCATION SERVES ITS COMMUNITY'S  
SPECIFIC NEEDS.

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

IDENTIFY YOUR DISTRICT.

CONTACT YOUR DISTRICT THROUGH  
WEBSITE OR ADMINISTRATION-(PARENT  
INVOLVEMENT SPECIALIST OR DIRECTOR OF  
EARLY CHILDHOOD).

FILL OUT INTEREST FORMS.

ATTEND MEETINGS TO LEARN ABOUT  
OPENINGS.