

# 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,

NJCYC.



# 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.