



# Connecticut Office of Early Childhood

## Strategic Planning Process

The Office of Early Childhood (OEC), a state agency created in 2013, envisions a Connecticut where all young children are safe, healthy, learning and thriving. The OEC's hope is that each child is surrounded by a strong network of nurturing adults who deeply value the importance of the first years of a child's life and who have the skills, knowledge, support and passion to meet the unique needs of every child.

To help us achieve our vision, the OEC will be creating a 4-year strategic plan to guide our work over the coming years. Your feedback will help enrich our planning. Below are opportunities that will allow you to share your thoughts and help influence the plan.



### **Research Framework Forums: Summer 2015**

The OEC held public forums across the state to seek input from the public on its research-based strategic plan framework. Feedback from these forums have been incorporated into the draft plan.

### **Strategic Plan First Draft: January 2016**

The first draft of the OEC's strategic plan has been developed with specific outcomes, goals and strategies. It incorporates the public feedback from the summer forums and new legislation. The OEC welcomes public input on this draft plan and will share the draft and seek feedback through its website, webinars, public forums and the Early Childhood Cabinet.

### **Strategic Plan Final Draft: Projected Spring 2016**

After incorporating public feedback, the OEC will release its final 4-year strategic plan and an annual operational plan describing how the agency will work toward its 4-year goals each year.

# Public Forum Details

## Public Forums on Strategic Plan First Draft: Winter 2016

**Target audience:** Providers, parents, community members, the public

**Purpose:** To collect feedback on the goals and objectives of the strategic plan

**What will be shared and discussed:** The draft strategic plan with clear goals and objectives

**Format:** Community-based meetings at night, weekends, and daytime in parent-friendly locations and embedded in existing community meetings where possible

### Dates

**January 26, 2016, 5:30PM-7:00PM:** YWCA, 19 Franklin Sq., New Britain, CT

**January 27, 5-7PM:** Waterbury Arts Magnet School (WAMS), 16 S. Elm St, Waterbury CT (Snow Date: February 1)

**January 28, 6-7:30PM:** Goodyear Early Childhood Center, 22 Williamsville Road, Killingly, CT (Snow Date: February 11)

**February 3, 5:30-7:30PM:** Mansfield Town Hall, 4 South Eagleville Road, Mansfield, CT

**February 4, 3:30-5PM:** Graustein Memorial Fund, 2319 Whitney Ave # 2B, Hamden, CT (Snow Date: February 10)

**February 9, 5:30-7PM:** Poquonock Community Church, 1817 Poquonock Avenue, Windsor, CT

**February 11, 9:30-11AM:** Childcare Learning Centers, CLC William Pitt, 195 Hillandale Avenue, Stamford, CT (Snow Date: February 18)

**February 22, 2-3:30PM:** United Way - Rocky Hill, 1344 Silas Deane Hwy 306, Rocky Hill, CT (Snow Date: February 24)

**February 25, 1-2:30PM:** Torrington City Hall, 2nd floor auditorium, 140 Main Street, Torrington, CT (Snow Date: February 29)

### **Additional Dates and locations to be announced in the follow areas:**

**Danbury, CT**

**Norwalk, CT**

**Groton, CT**

If you would like to host a strategic planning forum for stakeholders in your community or would like more information, please contact Mary Farnsworth at [mary.farnsworth@ct.gov](mailto:mary.farnsworth@ct.gov) or visit the OEC webpage at [www.ct.gov/oec/strategicplan2015](http://www.ct.gov/oec/strategicplan2015).

***If you need a reasonable accommodation, such as sign language, or translation services, etc., please contact [mary.farnsworth@ct.gov](mailto:mary.farnsworth@ct.gov) as soon as possible.***