

Delaware Early Childhood Council Creates New Early Childhood Strategic Plan for the State:

Hats are off to the members and leadership of the Delaware Early Childhood Council for completing a year-long process recently, yielding a new Early Childhood Strategic Plan to guide the state in future years. Chaired by Dan Rich (photo right), the Council worked over the past year to develop the new plan with input from stakeholders across the state. In support of the strategic vision of the Challenge grant, the new plan establishes four new committees which align respectively with the grant's four goals. These committees will provide stakeholder input, advocacy and enhance early childhood system sustainability. The individuals serving as chair for each of these new committees of the Council are widely recognized across the state as leaders, are strong advocates for early childhood in Delaware, and include:



Mary Kate Mouser, Executive Director of Nemours Health and Prevention Services, photo at left, is appointed to serve as chair of the Committee on A Healthy Start for All Children.



Michelle Taylor, President and Chief Executive Officer of the United Way of Delaware is appointed to serve as chair for the Committee on High Quality Early Childhood Programs and Professionals.



Dan Curry, Superintendent of the Lake Forest School District, photo left, is appointed to serve as chair of the Committee on An Aligned and Effective Early Learning System, Birth through Third Grade.



Ed Freel, Instructor in the University of Delaware's School of Public Policy and Administration, Policy Scientist and Manager, The Democracy Project has been appointed to serve as chair for the Committee on Sustainable System Improvement.