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## Amarillo College Early Childhood Business & Leadership Council

Location: Workforce Commission Panhandle

Date: Friday, March 25, 2022

Time: 11:30am to 1:00pm

### Attendees

Tina Maloney - Workforce Commission Panhandle

Lesley Webb - Opportunity School

Kim Winegeart – Community Day Care – Pampa

Steve Burton – Children’s Learning Center

Amanda Cothrin – Region 16

Brittany Hinz – Amarillo ISD

Sharonda Davis – Hagy Center

JLee Judd - Wesley Community Daycare

Nick Escoto - Pleasant Valley

Jessica Baker – Buttercup House – Borger

Kristi Hanes – Night and Day

Dennis Sarine – Amarillo College - Education Department Head

Margarita Rocha – Amarillo College Education Advisor

Becky Easton – Amarillo College Dean of Liberal Arts

Barbara Wahi – Amarillo College(Senior Director Work-based and Experiential Learning

Dr. Adrine Carter – Amarillo College Perkins Grant Director

Trena Rider - Amarillo College EC Program Coordinator

### Agenda

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11:25 Welcome and Introductions - Trena Rider

11:30 Current Child Development/Early Childhood Program

11:40 Q & A from Employers

11:45 Current Trends in E.C. - Lesley Webb

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12:05 What is a BILT? - Barbara Wahi and Dr. Adrine Carter

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12:20 Workforce Commission Panhandle - Tina Maloney

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12:30 Closing Remarks

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### Notes ([Presentation Link](#))

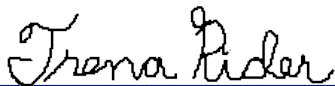
- Discussion was robust: Our business and leadership partners are excited about having a voice in the curriculum.
  - Lesley Webb and Tina Maloney shared data which impacts the Early Childhood World.
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**Action Items**

- Attendees agreed to complete the KSA Calibrate Platform.
- Additional Community Stakeholders will complete the KSA Calibrate Platform.
- Barabara, Dr. Carter, and Trena will organize Calibrate results.

**Next Meeting Agenda Items**

- Present KSA's to the Early Childhood BLC to discuss.

**Program Coordinator Signature:**A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Trena Rider". The signature is written in a cursive style. Below the signature is a solid blue horizontal line.

Trena Rider

Program Coordinator Early Childhood Education



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# Business and Leadership Councils (BLCs)

Maximizing Business Engagement to Improve Workforce Training

Orientation for the  
Child Development/Early Childhood Education



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**Thank you greatly for your attendance.**

# Out of the Mouths of BABES

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Goals: A Child's View :-)

**We are here to set goals: BLC**

# Provider Certificate 16 Hours



**CDEC 1294 - Special Topics In E.C.**

**CDEC 2264 - Practicum in Early Childhood**

TECA 1354 - Child Growth and Development

CDEC 1356 - Emergent Literacy in E.C.

CDEC 1358 - Creative Arts in Early Childhood

CDEC 1319 - Child Guidance

**Note: CDEC 1294 & CDEC 2264 CDA  
Preparation**

# Paraprofessional Certificate 34 Hours



## **In addition to the first 16 Hours**

TECA 1303 - Families, Schools, & Communities

CDEC 1359 - Children with Special Needs

TECA 1318 - Wellness of the Young Child

CDEC 2307 - Math & Science for E. C.

CDEC 1264 - Practicum - Observation Tech.

TECA 1311 - Educating Young Children

CDEC 1196 - Special Topics in Management

# Administrator Certificate 45 Hours

## **In addition to the first 34 Hours**

CDEC 2265 - Practicum Management

CDEC 2326 - Administration of Programs I

CDEC 2328 - Administration of Programs II

CDEC 1321 - Infant & Toddler Development



## **Q&A DISCUSSION**

**What are your thoughts about the list of courses?  
What knowledge and skills should be present?**



# EARLY CHILDHOOD TRENDS 2022

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# CHALLENGES

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Stress/Mental Health Challenges/Need for Supports

Behavior Challenges/Children with Special Needs

Technology

# OPPORTUNITIES

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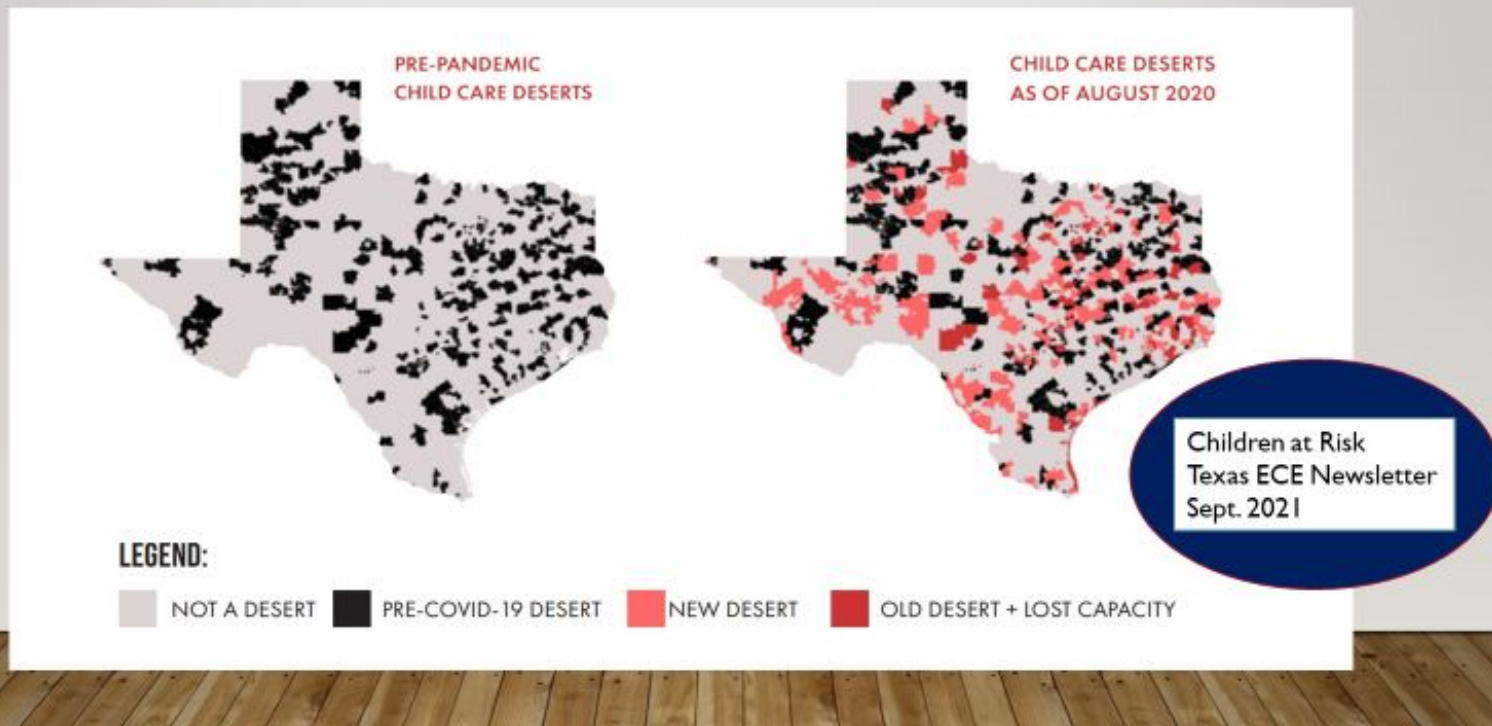


Greater Knowledge Base

Increased Standards/Expectations

Technology

# INCREASED NEED FOR QUALITY EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS



# **DISCUSSION**

**Questions or Comments about Current Trends  
How do we support our educators?**

# What is a BLC?

Business Leadership Councils (BLC) foster deep, sustainable relationships that ensure curriculum design and credentials meet the needs of industry



Co-leadership



Increased  
Engagement



Shape Curriculum to  
Ensure  
Workforce-Ready  
Graduates



Business Value

# What is a BLC?



1. A Business Advisory Council “**on steroids**”
2. A **structured, repeatable process** that can be used for any technical program
3. A model that puts employers in a **co-leadership role** that greatly increases their engagement with your program

# Business and Leadership Councils

## Purpose/Objectives

- ▶ To support the reform of workforce education in our regional economy by informing curriculum to the specific skills identified by local industry
- ▶ To provide an opportunity for technical top-level thought leaders like you to help AC address specific local workforce needs
- ▶ To improve the link between education and businesses through internships, cooperative education, and other work-based learning models
- ▶ To improve curriculum alignment and workforce preparation for graduates
- ▶ To guarantee that workforce needs of local industry are actively addressed



# Value of BLCs for Businesses





## BILT Roots

### **National Science Foundation (NSF)**

Center of Excellence in Convergence Technology  
Based at Collin College (TX) [2012-2022]

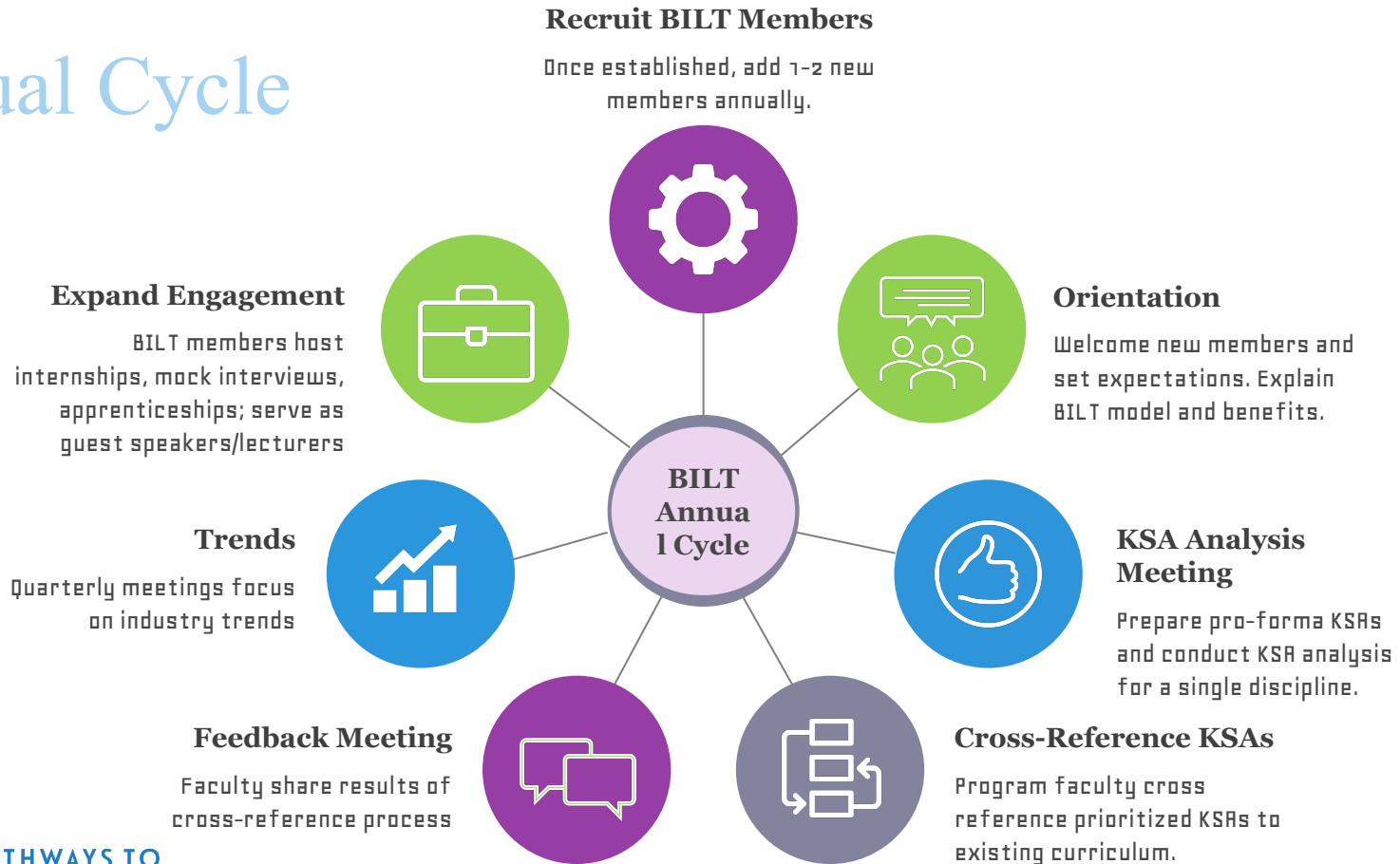
Established BILT model through work with business leaders from across the nation to determine the **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities** that “workforce ready” graduates will need

Model implemented at more than **60 colleges in multiple disciplines.**

**US DOL and ED recognize BILT as leading model** for strategic employer engagement

Pathways to Innovation project launched **BILT Academy** to scale the model

# Annual Cycle



## **Q&A DISCUSSION**

**How do you feel your input can impact future practice?**

# **Texas Workforce Commission Panhandle**

## **Tina Maloney**

## **Cynthia Hixon**

# **Q&A DISCUSSION**



**Request For Commitment**

**Thank you GREATLY!**