

### Meeting Schedule October 2022 - August 2023

The Advocacy Network will meet monthly on Zoom. At these meetings, advocates will learn valuable skills and knowledge about policy and advocacy, share their thoughts and advocacy ideas with one another for peer support, hear presentations from guest speakers, and develop their own independent advocacy projects, aligned with Strategies for Children’s (SFC) statewide advocacy strategy.

#### Meeting schedule and tentative topics:

*All meetings 6:00-7:30pm, second Tuesday of each month, unless otherwise noted.  
Exact schedule and topics subject to change.*

- October 11, 6:00-8:00pm: Introductions, goals, schedule. Overview of current policy and advocacy opportunities. Equity and representation. Finding your “why?”
- November 8: Advocacy 101 (part 1). Begin planning advocacy projects. SFC’s “Early Childhood Agenda.”
- December 13: Advocacy 101 (part 2). Guest Speaker – Advocacy Network cohort 1. Finalize advocacy projects.
- January 10: State budget advocacy. Guest Speaker – elected official.
- February 14: Communications workshop. Public speaking and crafting your “elevator pitch,” w/ SFC’s Diagneris “Nery” Garcia.
- March 14: Advocate shares part 1, share updates and hear feedback on your advocacy project.
- April 11: Advocate shares part 2, share updates and hear feedback on your advocacy project.
- May 9: Health, Mental Health, Behavioral Health. Guest Speaker – tbd.
- June 13: State policy updates. Guest Speaker – tbd, advocates’ choice.
- July 11: Advocacy straight talk, with SFC’s Amy O’Leary.
- August 8: Reception for Reflection, with guest attendees.

In addition to monthly meetings, SFC staff will hold **“one-on-one” meetings** with each advocate to review their progress and provide support. These will happen three times (fall, winter, spring) with additional check-ins available upon request. **We are here to support you in your advocacy journey!**



Additional opportunities available throughout the year:

- Professional development (trainings, meetings, and events),
- Public speaking (serving on panels, testifying at public meetings, media appearances),
- Writing (blogs, articles, letters-to-the-editor, testimony),
- Leadership (serving on boards and advisories).

Advocates will use Google docs to record their progress and receive feedback.

**SFC will provide technology training and support!**

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