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DATA GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

To accomplish the legislative goals codified in SC State Code (§63-11-1725), particularly goals (4) and (8), the South Carolina Early Childhood Advisory Council will serve as the governing body and venue for collective decision making of the Early Childhood System Data Governance. The Early Childhood System Data Governance will cover data linkage projects funded through both the National Center for Education Statistics' Statewide Longitudinal Data System Grant (the South Carolina Early Learning Extension) and the Administration for Children and Families' Preschool Development Grant.

A Data Governance Coordinator will be housed at the ECAC to facilitate the Data Governance Structure for early childhood program data contributions to the Early Learning Extension and the State Data Warehouse. Early childhood programs who contribute data are accountable to the ECAC for the following:

- maintaining individual agreements with the Office of Revenue and Fiscal Affairs for data sharing and integration into the State Data Warehouse
- attending regular project meetings, including annual on-site meetings and monthly meetings by member(s) designated by individual agencies as their representatives
- collecting and sharing data elements as agreed upon by the Parties via the Data Governance Structure
- timely review of research requests
- requiring relevant staff be trained in data quality and system use and hosting trainings for staff and other stakeholders when necessary
- providing accurate technical documentation

The Data Governance Structure will be built so there is an agreement across contributing data sources, but programs and the agencies/organizations that house them will ultimately decide the rules for use of their data. The Data Governance Coordinator will facilitate all work to align at least data across the initial inputs for the Early Learning Extension, link them to K-12 outcomes, and build a portal accessible to stakeholders and the general public by February 2024.