

# Welcome to the SDA 1 RAC Meeting!



# Purpose

SPARK needs you, your time, and your voice.

The purpose of the Regional Advisory Council is to strategically aid and advise SPARK Learning Lab about our services, so we can better support those who support Hoosier children and families.

We know your time is precious and thank you for joining us tonight.





# These Hoosiers are worth it...



# Meeting Overview

- Review Old Business
- New Business
  - RAC Membership Updates
  - RAC Attendance and Engagement
  - PTQ Incentives
  - Staffing Issues
- Think Tank
- Public Comment
- Agreements and Action Items
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

*\*Public comment will be heard after each agenda item*

# RAC Member Introductions

- Name
- Organization name and role



## Review Old Business

- At the beginning of each meeting, the Council reviews action items and recommendations from the previous meeting and discusses progress made
- View meeting minutes for each SDA on the SPARK website  
<http://indianaspark.com/regional-advisory-councils/>



# Old Business – Engagement Strategies

During the last meeting, we discussed multiple strategies RAC members could use to foster engagement during, and between, meetings.

RAC members: How have you engaged with SPARK since the last meeting? How have you encouraged others in your network to engage?

If this is anyone's first RAC meeting, please share in the chat box what brought you to the meeting today!

# Old Business – CCRRSA Question

RAC members understood that school-based programs will not be receiving the \$400 stipend because schools already receive CCRRSA funding. However, members asked SPARK to follow up on what can be done when that funding is not actually going to the early learning programs.

Schools that are open and serving children during the summer months are now eligible for the Build, Learn, Grow Scholarship.



# Old Business – Zoning Issues

Members shared that they are facing zoning issues in some counties. Family child care homes (FCCH) have been told by zoning boards that they cannot license the home as a FCCH if they do not reside in it.

SPARK has compiled information on this issue from RAC members and shared it with OECOSL.

# Old Business

Questions?





**New Business**

# THANK YOU!!





# OUTGOING RAC MEMBERS

Linda Curley

Paige Gramenz

Jeannine Hornback

Heather Miller

Sara Miller

Martha Rae

Clarissa Regula

Lisa Timmerman

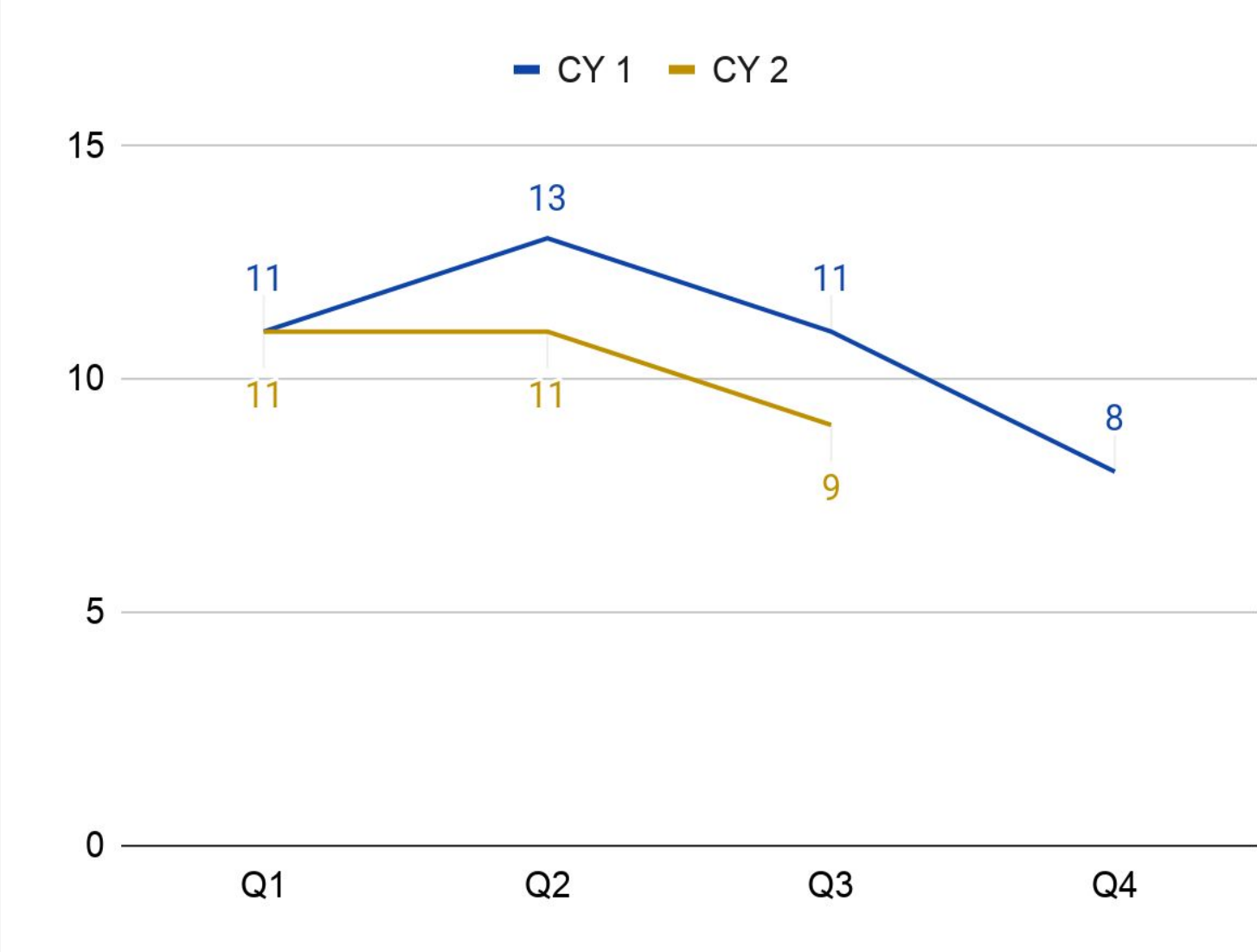


# RAC Membership Updates for 2021-2022

- Membership application was live during June and July
  - ◆ 72 applications were received from across the state
  - ◆ 14 were received in SDA 1
- New members were notified in mid- August
- Virtual orientation sessions for new and returning members will be held in September
  - ◆ Thursday 9/16, 2:00-3:00pm ET
  - ◆ Wednesday 9/22, 2:00-3:00pm ET
- RACs will convene again in November

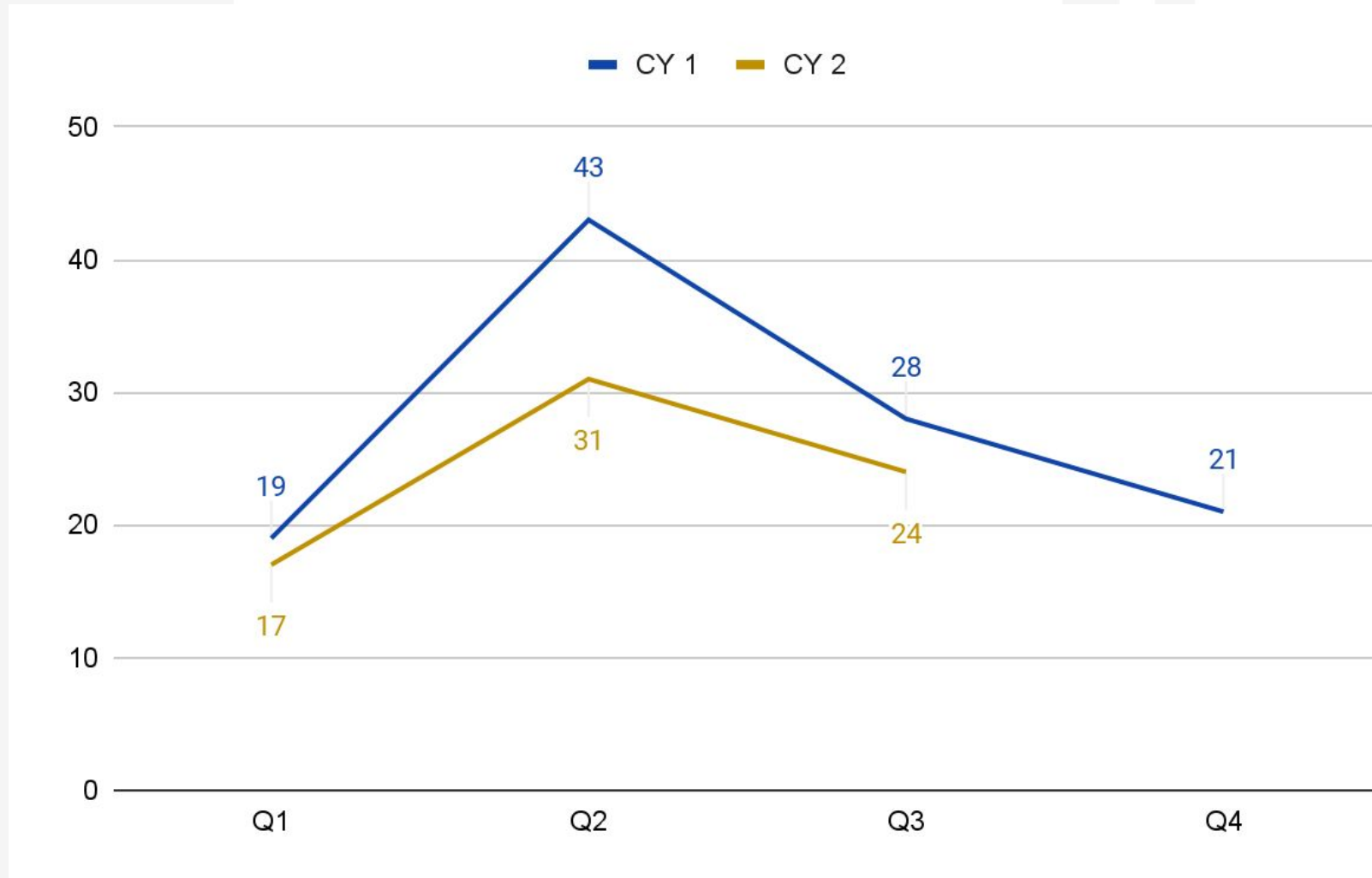
# RAC ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

# RAC Member Attendance SDA 1

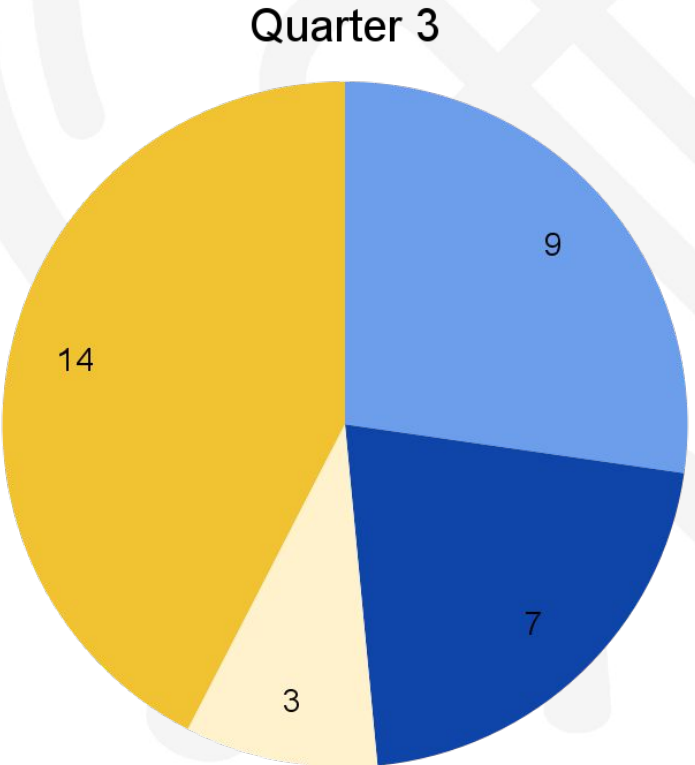
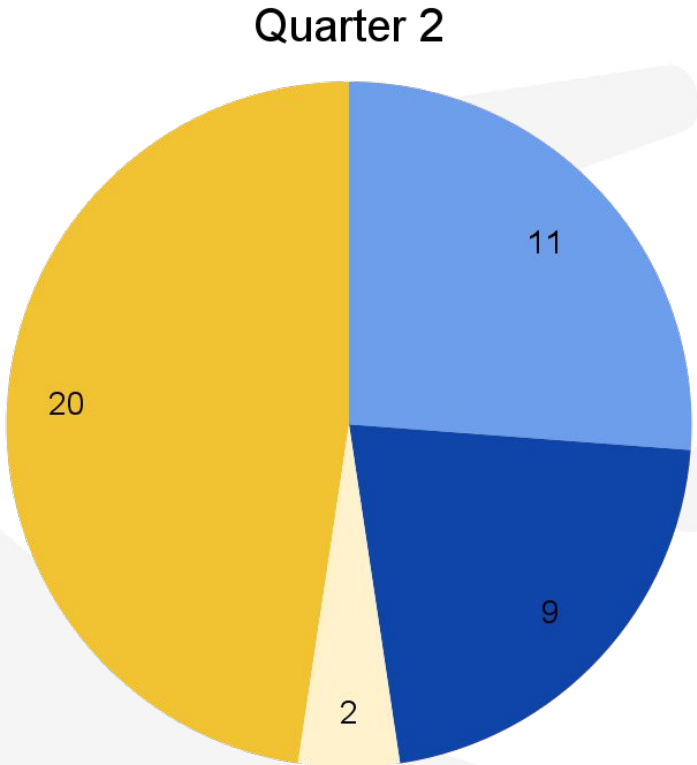
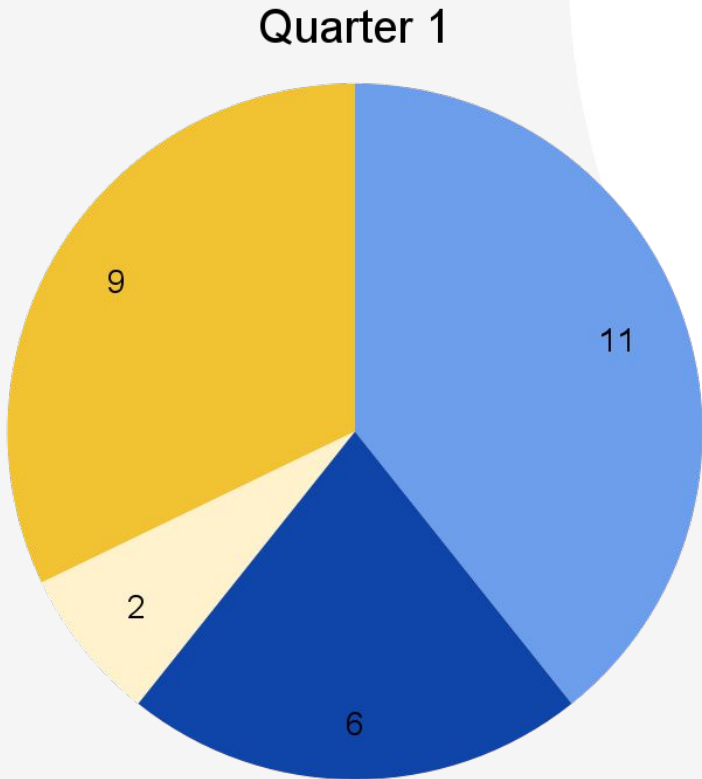




# SDA 1 Public/Non-Member Attendance Year 1 vs Year 2



# SDA 1 Attendees by Stakeholder Type in Year 2



● RAC Members ● SPARK Staff ● OECOSL/FSSA Staff ● Public/Partner

# Discussion Questions

- What is interesting?
- What is surprising?
- What questions does this raise for us?
- What is significant about this information?
- What can we do to improve attendance and engagement?

# UPDATE ON PTO INCENTIVES



# Staffing Issues

- What staffing issues are you currently facing?
- What factors do you think are contributing to this issue?
- What supports/resources do you need related to staffing?
- How can we collectively promote ECE as a career pathway?

# Think Tank



# Public Comment

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- We want to hear from you!
- What questions/comments do you have for SPARK and the Council?



# Agreements

Based on what has been presented, RAC discussion, and public comment, what suggestions and perspectives need to be captured for SPARK Learning Lab or partners to consider?

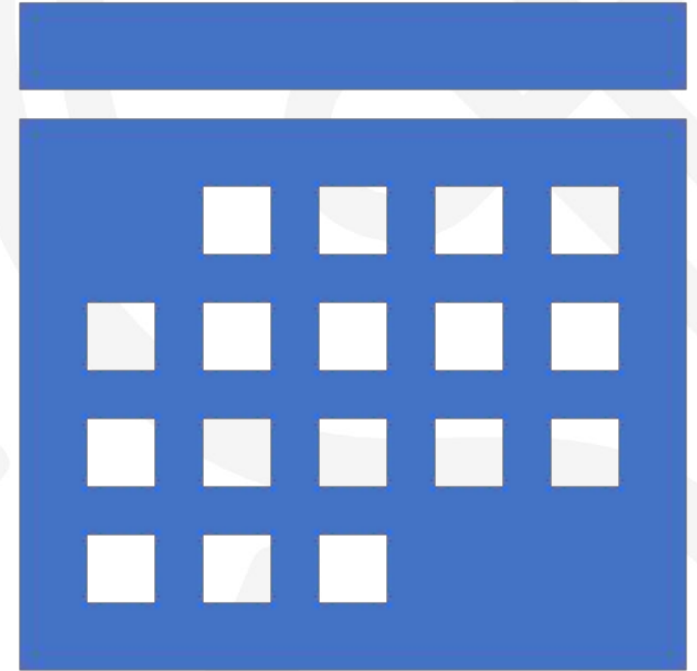
Items from Old Business  
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RAC Attendance and Engagement  
PTQ Incentives  
Staffing Issues  
Think Tank



# Meeting Schedule

Stay tuned!

As we onboard new members in September, we will determine meeting dates for the next year



# Agenda Items for Next Meeting



What topics and/or SPARK supports would the Council like to discuss in November?

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**Let's Spark a Conversation!**