Welcome to the SDA 5 RAC Meeting!

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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.

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These Hoosiers are worth it…

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Meeting Overview

- Review Old Business
- New Business
  - RAC Membership Updates
  - RAC Attendance and Engagement
  - SPARK Annual Report
  - PTQ Incentives
  - Offering Sick Child Care
- Additional Public Comment
- Agreements and Action Items
- Agenda Items for Next Meeting

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

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RAC Member Introductions

- Name
- Organization name and role

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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/

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Old Business – Safe Sleep

RAC members suggested that SPARK follow up on the possibility for licensing consultants to receive more training on what to look for when assessing safe sleep. Members shared instances where a program was written up for staff finishing giving a bottle to a child before picking up a child who had fallen asleep on the floor.

SPARK is discussing how we can support the professional development of our partners in Licensing to see if there is any opportunity here.

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Old Business – Networking and Learning

Members suggested that a hybrid option may be best for networking and learning at this time, when possible. A hybrid format gives people choices based on their preferences and comfort level.

SPARK is exploring a hybrid option for internal professional development. Based on the results of this pilot, we can use the learnings to add a new training option that includes hybrid delivery. The earliest SPARK can implement this new option would be Spring 2022. We can keep the RACs abreast of our discovery and progress.

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Old Business

Questions?

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New Business

Thank You!!

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Outgoing RAC Members

Mary Cundiff

Ann Feldhaus

Terry Green

Jessica Greulich

Jamie Madigan

Tara McKay

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RAC Membership Updates for 2021-2022

- Membership application was live during June and July
  - 72 applications were received from across the state
  - 11 were received in SDA 5
- 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

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RAC ATTENDANCE AND ENGAGEMENT

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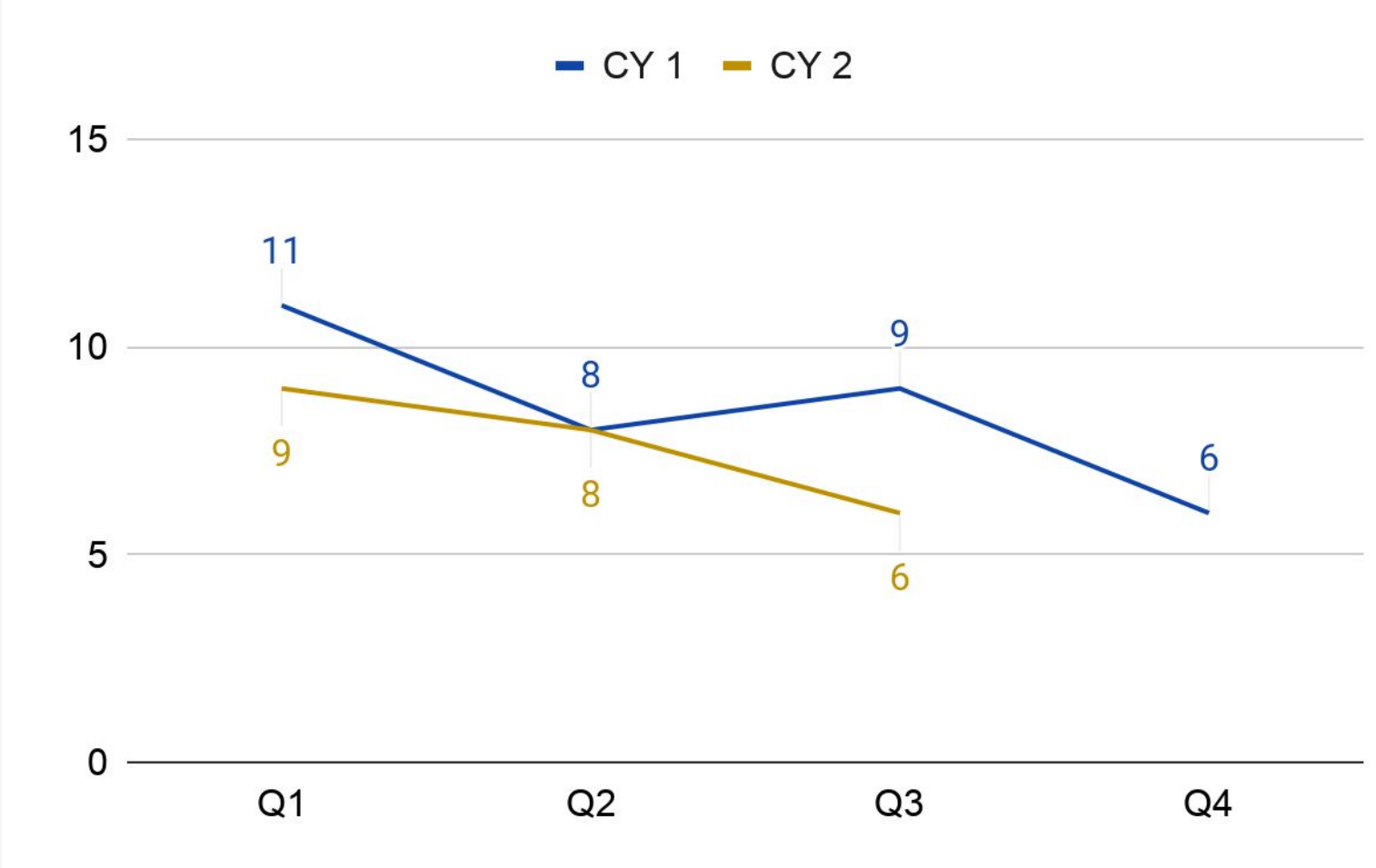
RAC Member Attendance SDA 5



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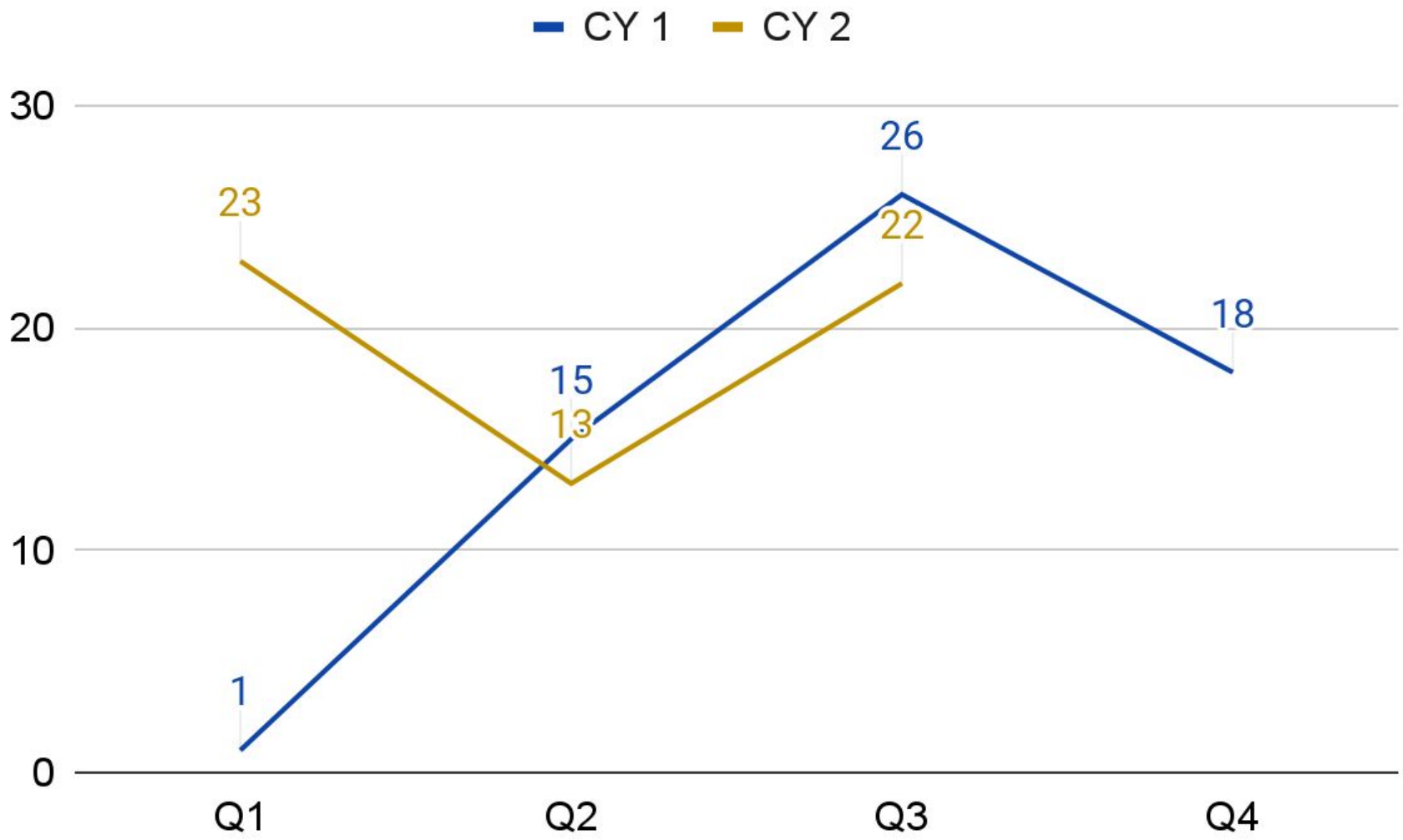
SDA 5 Public Attendance Year 1 vs Year 2



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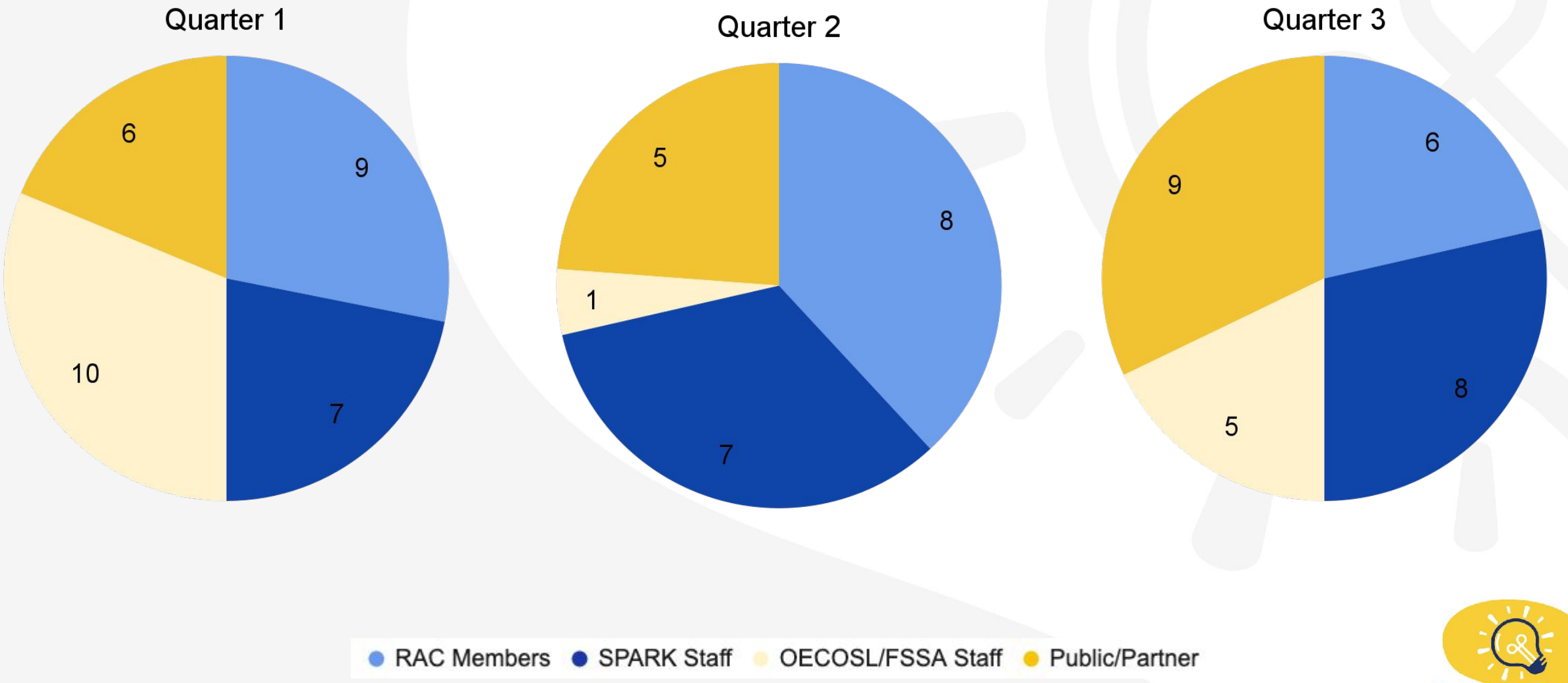
SDA 5 Attendees by Stakeholder Type in Year 2



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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?

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SPARK Annual Report

- Goal: Exceed expectations in supporting Indiana's identified early childhood education and care programs become safer and higher quality.
- Objective 1: Maintain PTQ Enrollment (% of eligible)
- Objective 2: Increase # of programs advancing in PTQ by 5%
- Objective 3: Support 90% of non-compliant programs with Quality Improvement Plan
- Objective 4a: Refer 90% of those interested in increasing their education to IN AEYC

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- Objective 4a: Refer 90% of those interested in increasing their education to IN AEYC
- Objective 4b: Deploy 12 resources or events that support degrees, credentials, and certificates
- Objective 5a: Support programs with prior safe sleep violations, ensuring that 80% do not have a recurrence
- Objective 5b: Deploy 6 resources or events that support best practices in Safe Sleep (example 1, 2, 3 English & Spanish)

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2021-2022 Goal

Increase the engagement of both new and returning early childhood education and care programs with SPARK Learning Lab in those activities that create safer and higher quality programming for children and families.

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2021-2022 Objectives

- Increase ISAT completions.
- Content to support all benchmarks in the ISAT.
- Increase training completion.
- Increase the number of programs that accept SPARK TA.
- Increase the number of new programs using SPARK's services.
- Have a percentage of those new programs come back and use more services.

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2021-2022 Objectives

- Maintain the % of programs enrolled in PTQ
- Increase the number of programs advancing at least one level by 5%
- 90% of critical referrals accepting our TA complete a QIP within 9 months
- 90% of those interested in increasing their education are referred to IN AEYC

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2021-2022 Objectives

- 8 unique promotional events or pieces of content are deployed in support of increasing education
- 80% of programs with a previous Safe Sleep violation do not have another violation (2019-2021)
- 8 unique promotional events or pieces of content are deployed in support of best safe sleep practices

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Update on PTQ Incentives

Offering Sick Child Care Discussion

Public Comment

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

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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

RAC Membership Updates

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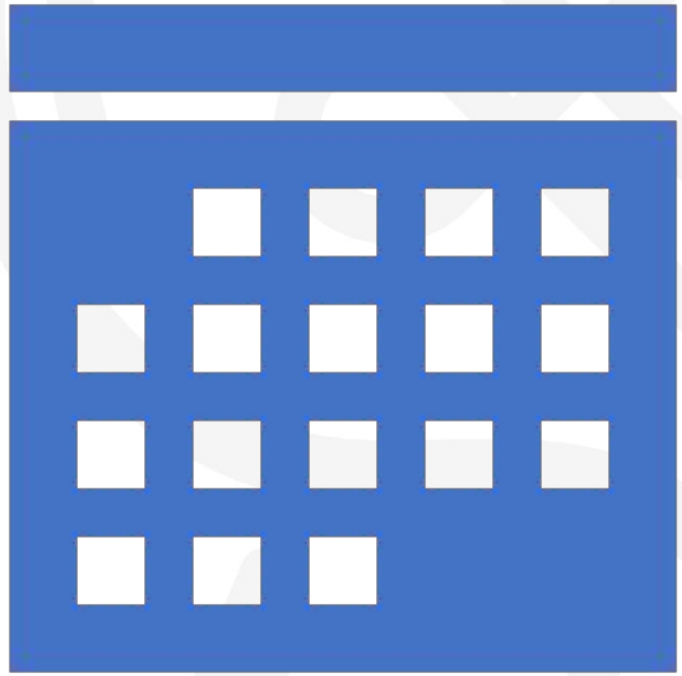
Meeting Schedule

Stay tuned!

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



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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!