Supporting the Essential Early Childhood Workforce Behind the Workforce

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TUESDAY, APRIL 27

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. EDT
Opening Welcome and Keynote Address

We kick off the symposium with a welcome and a keynote presentation from Dr. Calvin Moore Jr., CEO of the Council for Professional Recognition. He will present Exploring and Ensuring Equitable Pathways Leading to a Diverse, Well-Compensated and Professional Early Childhood Workforce.

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. EDT
Break

SESSION I
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT

1. The Human Side of Counseling
   Presenters: Edith Locke, Vice President, Professional Development, Child Care Services Association; Dr. Sharon Little, Ed.D., Program Lead, Faculty Early Childhood Education, South Piedmont Community College; Megan Burk, Program Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center at Child Care Services Association

2. Supporting Early Educator Degree Attainment - Takeaways from New America’s Working Group
   Presenters: Abbie Lieberman, Senior Policy Analyst, New America; Laura A. Bornfreund, Director, Early & Elementary Education, New America; Iris Palmer, Senior Advisor for Higher Education and Workforce, Education Policy Program, New America; Clare McCann, Deputy Director for Federal Higher Education Policy, New America

3. Early Educator Activism: Embracing our Heritage As a Bridge To Our Future
   Presenters: Ashley Williams, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment; Peggy Haack, Early Childhood Consultant, retired T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® Wisconsin; Marcy Whitebook, Director Emerita, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. EDT
Lunch Break

SESSION II
2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. EDT

   Presenters: Amy Duffy, T.E.A.C.H. Program Manager, Child Care Services Association; Ashley Otte, Director of Workplace Initiatives, Iowa AEYC

5. Moving the Needle on EC Workforce Compensation - Lessons Learned and Next Steps
   Presenters: Lisa A. Hildebrand, M.A., Executive Director, Rhode Island AEYC; Cynthia C. Rice, Senior Policy Analyst, Advocates for Children of New Jersey; Julie Rogers, Director, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center at Child Care Services Association

6. Inspirational Leadership for the Next Generation: Setting the Tone for Equity, Quality and Child Outcomes
   Presenters: Valora Washington, Ph.D., CEO, The CAYL Institute; Dr. Hawani Neguissie, Assistant Professor, Early Childhood Education, Brandman University; Sandra E. Gonzalaz, Ed.D., Director II, Child Development, Garvey School District

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SESSION III
10:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. EDT

7. Embedding Equity into Your Counseling Practice
   Presenters: Iheoma U. Iruka, Ph.D., Research Professor of Public Policy and Director of the Early Childhood Health and Racial Equity Program, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute; Ana De Hoyos O'Connor, Associate Professor, San Antonio College

8. Lowering Barriers to Competency-Based Higher Education: EarlyEdU Alliance 2.0
   Presenters: Katie Emerson Hoss, Higher Education Outreach and Implementation Manager, EarlyEdU Alliance; Jennifer L. Pyles, Assistant Professor and Graduate Program Coordinator, Early Childhood Education, Shippensburg University

9. Where the Rubber Meets the Road – Bridging Early Childhood Education and Workforce Development
   Presenters: Loren Shimanek, Senior Policy Analyst, National Governors Association; Megan Burk, TA Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center at Child Care Services Association
THURSDAY, APRIL 29
SESSION V
10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. EDT

13. Innovative Practice: How to Provide Outreach During a Pandemic
Presenters: Julie Warford, T.E.A.C.H. and WAGE$ Program Coordinator, Nebraska AEYC; Lauren Linnenbrink, T.E.A.C.H. and WAGE$ Program Coordinator, Iowa AEYC; Megan Burk, TA Manager, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood® National Center at Child Care Services Association

14. Building Better Care for Babies
Presenters: Brenda Blasingame, M.A., Program Officer, Pritzker Children’s Initiative; Jovanna Archuleta, Assistant Secretary for Native American Early Education and Care, NM Early Childhood Education and Care Department; Adam Feser, Policy Advisor, First Five Nebraska; Shana Runck, M.Ed., Bureau Chief, Policy, Research, and Quality Initiatives, NM Early Childhood Education and Care Department

15. Putting Workforce Data to Work
Presenters: Diana Diaz, Registry Director, NY Professional Development Institute and President, National Workforce Registry Alliance; Kelly Smith, Registry Director, Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association

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SESSION VI
11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT

16. Being Flexible in General and in a Time of Crisis – What T.E.A.C.H. and WAGE$ Programs Can Do to Ease the Burdens of Program Participants
Presenters: Amy Duffy, T.E.A.C.H. Program Manager, Child Care Services Association; Laurie Litz, T.E.A.C.H. Program Director, Pennsylvania Child Care Association

17. Building the Bridge to Connect Learning to Best Practices and Quality Programming – 53206 Early Childhood Initiative
Presenters: Gina Hobbs, T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship Counselor, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association; Dr. Tanya Johnson, Professional Development and Training Specialist, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association

18. Building Stronger High School Pipelines to Careers in Early Childhood Education
Presenters: M. Denise Bishop, Ed.D., Vice President, Chief Outreach, Innovation and Training, Children’s Forum; Chonda Walden, Manager, Training & Development, Council for Professional Recognition; Raquel Andrade, Manager, CDA Communities, Council for Professional Recognition
Closing Roundtable Conversation

A panel of funders will join us at the closing session to discuss, From the Funders’ Perspective: Making the Case for Early Childhood Workforce Investment. The panel includes Sara Slaughter, Executive Director, W. Clement & Jessie V. Stone Foundation; Ariel Ford, Director, Division of Child Development and Early Learning, NC; and Rachel Spector, Associate Director of Programs, The Children’s Trust. The panel will be facilitated by Albert Wat, Senior Policy Director, Alliance for Early Success.

Special Guest

At the end of the Closing Roundtable Discussion, we will welcome Katie Hamm, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development and Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Early Childhood Development (ECD), who will say hello and share some top priorities of the Administration. Before joining the Administration for Children and Families at HHS in February 2021, she was the Vice President for Early Childhood Policy at the Center for American Progress, where she oversaw the organization’s early childhood program to advance child care, preschool, Head Start and home visiting investment.

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Questions? Comments? Suggestions?

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