



***Building on State Leadership in Early Childhood  
Final Meeting  
December 6-7, 2013  
Washington Marriott Wardman Park • Washington, D.C.  
Final Agenda***

**Friday, December 6, 2013**

***Marriott Wardman Park • 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor • McKinley Room***

- 1:00 PM – 1:15 PM**      **Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Day**
- Julie Poppe, National Conference of State Legislatures
- 1:15 PM – 2:30 PM**      **Early Language Development and Literacy: Why Third Grade Reading Starts at Birth**
- Kathy Hirsh-Pasek, Temple University
- 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM**      **Making the Most of Early Learning Settings: Ensuring Quality for the Classroom and Home Visiting**
- This session will highlight assessment tools developed to measure quality in early learning settings and will define thresholds of what high quality is. Hear the research results behind the importance of teacher-child interactions and an assessment tool developed to measure the quality of this interaction. Learn about a home visiting rating scale tool that measures home visitor interactions with families during home visits and a measure of parent-child interactions; both can be used to improve home visiting practice and measure outcomes.
- Moderator: Julie Poppe, National Conference of State Legislatures
- Bob Pianta, University of Virginia
  - Mark Innocenti, Utah State University

**4:00 PM – 5:30 PM**

**Linking the Early Years to K-12**

A recent white paper by the National Governors Association identifies six key issues that state policymakers are engaging in to increase student achievement and align the early years with K-12 reforms. This session will highlight strategies some states are exploring to link early learning to K-12. Hear the approaches some lawmakers are taking including early childhood assessments and standards, aligning early learning with the Common Core, and considering school readiness services that address children’s physical, cognitive, social and emotional development.

Moderator: Julie Poppe, National Conference of State Legislatures

- Amanda Szekely, National Governors Association
- Representative Robert Behning, Indiana
- Senator Jill Tokuda and Representative Roy Takumi, Hawaii

**6:30 PM – 8:30 PM**

**Dinner and Keynote Presentation: Why Early Childhood is a Strong Investment**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Wilson AB Room**

Introduction: Sara Watson, ReadyNation/America’s Promise Alliance

Keynote Presenter: Robert Dugger, Founder and Managing Partner, Hanover Provident Capital and Co-Chair, ReadyNation

**Saturday, December 7, 2013**

***Marriott Wardman Park • 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor • Madison AB Room***

**8:00 AM – 8:30 AM**

**Breakfast and Networking with Fellows**

**8:30 AM – 9:45 AM**

**Paying for Success in Early Childhood**

This session will focus on different approaches to financing early childhood and will provide a “nuts and bolts” overview of social impact finance theory. Learn about Utah’s initial financing success of a local pre-kindergarten project that is showing results and hear about Louisiana’s approach to financing quality child care through tax credits.

Introduction: Robyn Lipkowitz, National Conference of State Legislatures

Moderator: Robert Dugger, Hanover Provident Capital

- Janis Dubno, Voices for Utah Children
- Geoff Nagle, Tulane University

**9:45 AM – 10:45 AM**

**Policy Foundations for Early Learning**

Learn about key policy foundation areas that support and promote positive outcomes in young children and their families. The session will draw

attention to the latest implementation research and highlight policy foundations and data tools to ensure programs and services are achieving the intended outcomes. Hear about Rhode Island's recent legislative experience.

Moderator: Helene Stebbins, Alliance for Early Success

- Carlise King, Early Childhood Data Collaborative
- Leanne Barrett, Rhode Island KIDS COUNT
- Senator Hanna Gallo, Rhode Island

**10:45 AM – 11:00 AM Break**

**11:00 AM – Noon Promoting Healthy Development: State Strategies to Improve Services for Infant and Toddlers**

A child's experiences in the first five years build the critical foundation for future health, success in school and in later life. Despite this, many very young children lack opportunities necessary to develop a strong start. This session will highlight the current state of our nation's infant and toddlers and policy opportunities for lawmakers to consider. Hear from Iowa on why this state chose to invest in home visiting as a strategy to improve outcomes for children and promote family well-being.

Moderator: Robyn Lipkowitz, National Conference of State Legislatures

- Barbara Gebhard, ZERO TO THREE
- Representative Linda Miller, Iowa

**Noon – 1:15 PM**

**Lunch**

**2013 State Legislative Recap: Trends in Early Care and Education**

- Phuonglan Nguyen, National Conference of State Legislatures

**1:15 PM – 2:30 PM**

**Advice from State Capitols**

This session will feature a panel of legislators to discuss political and financing challenges legislators have faced in their states and how they worked through those challenges.

Moderator: Julie Poppe, National Conference of State Legislatures

- Senator Brice Wiggins, Mississippi
- Representative Suzanne Crouch, Indiana
- Representative John Lively, Oregon

**2:30 PM – 3:00 PM**

**Final Discussion and Thoughts**

- Robyn Lipkowitz, National Conference of State Legislatures