



NCSL Early Learning Fellows

Aug. 18-19, 2014
Minneapolis, Minn.

Early Learning Fellows: Building on State Leadership Final Agenda

Monday, Aug. 18, 2014
Minneapolis Convention Center
Mezzanine Level : M100-FG

- 8:30-9 a.m.** **Breakfast and Networking with Fellows** (Mezzanine Level M100-H)
- 9-9:30 a.m.** **Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Day**
Robyn Lipkowitz, National Conference of State Legislatures
- Sheriff Rich Stanek, Sheriff of Hennepin County, Minnesota
 - Senator Dave Senjem, Minnesota
- 9:30-10:30 a.m.** **The Economic Case for Investing in Early Childhood: How to Sustain Positive Gains in Young Children**
Introduction: Representative Joe Mullery, Minnesota
- Art Rolnick, Human Capital Research Collaborative, University of Minnesota
 - Arthur Reynolds, Human Capital Research Collaborative, University of Minnesota
- 10:30-10:45 a.m.** **Break**
- 10:45-11:45 a.m.** **Public and Private Partnerships for Early Childhood**
Some states have leveraged the resources and expertise of private businesses and foundations in furthering early childhood education programs and services in their states while achieving better outcomes for young children. The session will highlight two state perspectives of partnering with the private sector. Hear about how pay-for-success approaches can be used in conjunction with social impact financing tools to engage the investment community in your state to make progress in addressing early childhood issues.
Moderator: Julie Poppe, National Conference of State Legislatures
- Philip A. Peterson, Aon Hewitt, Pennsylvania
 - Ken Sikkema, Public Sector Consultants, Michigan
- 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.** **Lunch and Networking with Fellows** (Mezzanine Level M100-H)
Spend the first half of lunch relaxing and networking with others. We will finish up our lunch time together talking about early learning planning and getting an update from some of the Fellows.

1:15 –4:30 p.m.

Jeremiah Program Site Visit

Sponsor: Annie E. Casey Foundation

The Jeremiah Program provides single mothers and their children with a safe and affordable place to live, quality early childhood education, life skills training and support for career-tracked, adult education. A tour of the Jeremiah Campus and Child Development Center will also demonstrate ways that two-generation programs such as this address family and child needs as well as work to reduce generational dependence on public assistance. A policy discussion following the tour will deepen the understanding of the intersection between healthy child development, adult education and workforce development, and state policy initiatives.

Introduction: Rochelle Finzel, National Conference of State Legislatures

- Welcoming remarks: Senator Dave Senjem, Minnesota

6-7:30 p.m.

Dinner: Buca di Beppo

1204 Harmon Place

Minneapolis, MN 55403

Meet as a group in the Doubletree hotel lobby at 5:45 p.m. for a 5 minute walk to the restaurant.

Tuesday, Aug. 19, 2014

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8-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast and Networking with Fellows (Mezzanine Level M100-H)

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8:30- 9:30 a.m.

Math in the Early Years

Children’s knowledge of math in the early years is a strong predictor of not only later math achievement but also of later literacy. Learn about the foundational building blocks of early mathematics and their importance for young learners. Hear about recent research and development work, including highlights from recent national reports on early math. These featured one effective instructional approach — basing standards, curricula, and instruction on learning trajectories. Clements will conclude by drawing implications for policy.

Moderator: Tom Schultz, Council of Chief State School Officers

- Doug Clements, University of Denver, Colorado

9:30-10:30 a.m.

An Update on State Child Care Policies and Improving Quality

Quality child care is a critical component for low-income families to find and maintain work and it also supports the child development needs of very young children. Hear a presentation of child care subsidy flexibility, an update on state child care policies, and highlights from a recent study on quality improvements for child care centers serving low-income working families.

Moderator: Robyn Lipkowitz, National Conference of State Legislatures

- Stephanie Schmit, Center for Law and Social Policy
- Carol Burnett, Mississippi Low Income Child Care Initiative

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45-11:45 a.m.

Advice from State Capitols

Get an opportunity to hear from your colleagues. 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 Julie Lassa, Wisconsin
- Representative Milo Smith, Indiana
- Ken Sikkema, Public Sector Consultants, Michigan

11:45 a.m. – Noon

Final Thoughts and Wrap Up

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