



Early Learning Fellows Newsletter — June 2013

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WELCOME FELLOWS

Welcome to the FELLOWS NEWSLETTER. This is a bi-monthly newsletter produced for the Early Learning Fellows program. In the newsletter, you will find the latest NCSL information on state legislative actions, research and other upcoming events and resources related to early learning policy.

We were excited to see many of you this past May in Denver. For those who couldn't attend, the meeting agenda and other resources are available on the web [HERE](#).

EARLY LEARNING FELLOWS WEBINAR #1: TUESDAY, JULY 9, 2013

The Correlation between Executive Function and Achievement: Implications for ECE Policy

Tuesday, July 9, 2013

2 p.m. ET/ 1 p.m. CT/ Noon MT/ 11 a.m. PT

This webinar is the first in a series of two webinars that will offer Early Learning Fellows an exchange of ideas and solutions related to early learning, and provide them with practical policy information they can use in their states. Deborah Leong, Ph.D., will expand on her May 2 Early Learning Fellows presentation that discussed the relationship between executive function/self-regulation and learning in the early childhood classroom. In addition, Miriam Calderon will follow Leong's presentation by leading a discussion on the policy issues that arise from the research on the importance of executive function and achievement. An interactive question-and-answer period will follow.

Please be sure to register and participate in this first of two webinars. Click [HERE](#) for more information including how to register. Have a question about registering, please contact Alison May at Alison.May@ncsl.org.

SAVE THE DATE WEBINAR #2: Tuesday, September 10, 2013 2 p.m. ET/11 a.m. PT

SAVE THE DATE FINAL MEETING: December 6-7, Washington DC

LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT



Mark your calendar and plan to join us August 12-15, 2013 in Atlanta for NCSL's largest and most important event, the Annual Legislative Summit. Over these four days — with opportunities that will bring you to new heights in your legislative career — you will go from good to great. [Register now!](#) See below for more information on this year's exciting Early Care and Education sessions.

- **August 13:** Dr. Jack Shonkoff, director of the [Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University](#) will be speaking about recent advances in neuroscience, molecular biology, and genomics that now help us better understand why healthy development in the early years provides the building blocks for educational achievement, economic productivity, and lifelong health. There will be a discussion of policy implications across many sectors including early education/education, child welfare, family support and health.
- **August 14:** In collaboration with [Educare of Atlanta](#) center we will host a site visit to this nationally recognized school. Educare Atlanta is operated by Sheltering Arms Early Education & Family Centers, in partnership with The Annie E. Casey Foundation and Atlanta Public Schools. The Center opened in 2010 on the first floor of Dunbar Elementary School and has already achieved remarkable results in preparing children for school success, thanks to innovative alignment of curriculum and teacher training for infants through fifth grade. After its first full year of operation, the percentage of incoming kindergarteners reading at or above grade level increased from 6% in 2010 to 55% in 2011. Educare of Atlanta serves 194 children from birth to age five.

For more information or to reserve your spot, please contact Phuonglan.Nguyen@ncsl.org or 303-856-1582.

RESOURCES AND OTHER INFORMATION

START a conversation with other Fellows! Send a question or comment on early learning to the group by emailing elfellows-dist@ncsl.org.

To access the latest *Spring 2013 Early Care and Education E-Update* produced by NCSL's Early Care and Education Project please click [HERE](#).

NEW NCSL Home Visiting Webpage and Video

Need a quick review of the federal home visiting initiative and what it means for states? Visit the new webpage (www.ncsl.org/home-visiting) and click [HERE](#) for a 5-minute video by Jack Tweedie, group director of NCSL's Children and Families Program. You must have [QuickTime](#) to view the video.

NCSL is here for you! Have a question? Please contact Alison May at Alison.May@ncsl.org.