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# KANSAS EARLY LEARNING FORUM FOR LEGISLATORS AND LEGISLATIVE STAFF

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# WELCOME INTRODUCTIONS AND OVERVIEW OF THE DAY

## Senator Pat Pettey



# AGENDA

## *Early Learning Forum for Legislators and Legislative Staff*

- Brain Science
- Economic Case for Early Childhood
- Federal Updates
- Early Childhood in Kansas: past, present, future



## GROUND RULES

- Respect
- Use the index card
- What's a question?
- Intended audience





# NCSL Outreach in 2018

**NCSL interacted with legislators and staff 20,307 times\***

\* Represents an increase over 2017

**5,091**

Legislators, staff and others at the Los Angeles Legislative Summit  
**796** legislator attendees  
(475 Democrats, 321 Republicans)  
**722** legislative staff attendees



**2,848**

Information and research requests answered for you

**255**

State visits, technical assistance visits, in-state trainings and testimonies provided to you.\*  
NCSL connected with more than **1,929\*** legislators and staff during 51 state visits, and **7,085\*** legislators and staff on 204 technical and training visits.



**106**

Additional in-person meetings that you attended\*  
**1,459** legislator attendees  
(664 Democrats, 754 Republicans)\*  
**1,537** legislative staff attendees\*

**14,098,840**

Visits to the NCSL website\*

**417**

Blogs posted\*

**291,540**

Blog views\*



**62**

Policy and training webinars that you attended  
**268** legislator attendees  
(154 Democrats, 111 Republicans)  
**3,538** legislative staff attendees\*

**3,697**

Downloads of the NCSL Events mobile app\*



**23,524**

Downloads of the NCSL podcast, Our American States\*

**1,700**

Peak subscribers to the podcast, an increase of **48%** since Dec. 2017\*



**125**

Legislators and staff quoted in *State Legislatures* magazine



**82**

Printed reports and LegisBriefs were provided to you\*

## WHO IS NCSL

Bipartisan organization serving legislators and staff in all 50 states and territories

- Improve the quality and effectiveness of state legislatures
- Provide state legislatures a strong, cohesive voice at the federal level
- Promote policy innovation and communication among state legislatures



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# NCSL'S EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION PROJECT

## WHAT WE DO.....

- Cover early childhood policy topics
- Convenings
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Monitor related legislation
- Create written briefs, webpages, blogs, LegisBriefs

**Alison May**  
Policy Associate



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Policy Associate



**Donna L. Wilson**  
Program Director



# NCSL'S EARLY LEARNING FELLOWS PROGRAM

- What is it?
- Who is it for?
- How do you become a Fellow?
- Learn more: [ncsl.org/fellows](https://ncsl.org/fellows)
- **Funders:** Alliance for Early Success, Buffett Early Childhood Fund, Heising-Simons Foundation, Kellogg Foundation.



# WHAT EL FELLOWS HAVE DONE AFTER THE PROGRAM

- Continue to explore ideas
  - Propose legislation- home visiting, quality rating system, pre-K expansion, child care subsidy
  - Discuss creating a Children's Caucus in their state
  - Meet with stakeholders and other legislative colleagues
- Continue to participate with NCSL
  - Attend and/or present at invitational meetings and webinars
  - Become part of a working group such as NCSL's State Policy and Research for Early Education (SPREE) or Prenatal-to-Three Legislative Advisory Group
  - Be an ambassador for EL Fellows program
  - Request additional information





# EARLY BRAIN SCIENCE AND BRAIN ARCHITECTURE

***Introduction:***

Senator Dinah Sykes

***Presenter:***

Sarah Lytle, Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences



# ECONOMIC CASE FOR INVESTING IN EARLY CHILDHOOD

## **Introduction:**

Senator Randall Hardy

## **Presenter:**

Benjamin Horowitz, Federal Reserve Bank of  
Minneapolis



# NETWORKING LUNCH

## **Introduction:**

Senator Mary Jo Taylor



# FEDERAL OPPORTUNITIES AND UPDATE

## **Introduction:**

Representative Susan Ruiz

## **Presenter:**

Margaret Wile, NCSL Washington D.C. (via Skype)



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# STRENGTHENING EARLY CHILDHOOD IN KANSAS IN 2019 AND BEYOND

## **Introduction:**

Representative Monica Murnan

## **Presenters:**

Amanda Petersen, Kansas State Department  
of Education

Melissa Rooker, Kansas Children's Cabinet  
and Trust Fund



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## WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS



Take a few moments and think about:

**What excited you about today?**

**OR**

**What was the most interesting idea?**

## WRAP UP AND NEXT STEPS

Take a few moments and think about:

**What's next?**

**OR**

**What action (s) do you see?**



## RESOURCES

- [NCSL.org/kansasearlylearning](https://www.ncsl.org/kansasearlylearning)
- [ECE Legislative Tracking Database](#)
- [Early Childhood Policy Overview](#)
- [Quarterly Newsletters](#)
- [NCSL.org/Fellows](https://www.ncsl.org/Fellows)
- [Early Learning Fellows Program 2011-2018 Alumni Report](#)





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