



Aug. 26-28, 2018 | Minneapolis, Minnesota

Second Meeting: Policy, Research and Innovations

Loews Minneapolis Hotel • 601 1st Avenue North • Minneapolis

Sunday, August 26, 2018 • Releve Room

6-8 p.m. Reception and Meet and Greet

Monday, August 27, 2018 • Stone Arch Ballroom I & North Loop Room

8-8:30 a.m. Breakfast and Networking
North Loop Room

8:30-9 a.m. **A Sheriff's Perspective for Investing in Kids**
Sheriff Rich Stanek is one of the more than 5,000 law enforcement members of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids. Sheriff Stanek will share firsthand experiences that underpin the importance of focusing money and attention on the early years and putting kids on the path to productive lives.

Introduction

- Alison May, NCSL

Speaker

- Sheriff Rich Stanek, Hennepin County Sheriff's Office, Minnesota

9-10 a.m. **The Economic Case for Investing in Early Childhood**
Hear from economist Art Rolnick as he makes the case for the monetary value of educating at-risk children. Consider Rolnick's argument around the current under-investing in our most vulnerable children. Listen to why Rolnick believes early childhood is a strong public investment and how to create a system that is effective and possibly readily scalable.

Introduction

- Julie Poppe, NCSL

Speaker

- Art Rolnick, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota

10-10:15 a.m. Break

10:15-11:15 a.m. **Early Care and Education Costs, Funding Sources and Financing Options**
Participants will learn from one of the co-authors of the National Academies' consensus study *Transforming the Financing of Early Care and Education* report about the costs associated with high-quality care and how financing mechanisms and funding streams can support and incentivize high-quality early care and education. NCSL staff will highlight federal and state funding sources used to finance early care and education, including public-private partnerships and tax credits. Early Learning Fellows will also discuss financing opportunities and challenges in small groups.

Speakers

- **Elizabeth Davis**, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine Committee on Financing Early Care and Education with a Highly Qualified Workforce
- **Abbie Gruwell**, NCSL DC Office
- **Julie Poppe**, NCSL Denver Office

11:15–11:45 a.m.

Early Learning Fellows Plan Development

Opportunity to work at your table independently or in small groups as you continue to think through your early learning action plan.

11:45 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lunch

North Loop Room • Optional walk departing at 12:30 p.m.

1-2 p.m.

Early STEM: Research, Practice and Policy

Learn from a national expert about the importance of developing early STEM skills with a focus on early numeracy, the importance of creating learning opportunities for children and parents, and policy implications. The session will conclude with an interactive partner math activity.

Moderator

- **Matt Weyer**, NCSL

Speaker

- **Michèle Mazzocco**, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota

2-2:15 p.m.

Break

2:15-3:15 p.m.

Using Early Childhood Data to Inform Policymaking

This session will examine integrating early childhood data to inform policy. Participants will discuss early childhood data sharing and what the data needs and challenges are in states. Learn what other states are doing and strategies from across the country. New survey data will be shared.

Moderator

- **Adrienne Fischer**, NCSL

Speakers

- **Carlise King**, Early Childhood Data Collaborative
- **Anita Larson**, Minnesota Department of Education

3:15-4:30 p.m.

Child Care Access, Affordability and Quality

Child care is a critical work support for parents and a development opportunity for young children. Learn the basics of high-quality child care and explore opportunities to address child care access, affordability and quality, including the use of new federal dollars.

Moderator

- **Jennifer Palmer**, NCSL

Speakers

- **Dionne Dobbins**, Child Care Aware of America

- **Michelle McCready**, Child Care Aware of America

6-8 p.m.

Reception & Dinner at Crave American Kitchen

La Salle Plaza, 825 Hennepin Ave. | Meet in hotel lobby at 5:45 to walk as a group

Tuesday, August 28, 2018 • Stone Arch Ballroom I & North Loop Room

8:30-9:30 a.m.

Breakfast Plenary: Is Play the Secret Sauce?

Research has shown that different types of play help young children develop skills that support later school achievement. Early Learning Fellows will learn about the research around play, how parents can support it, and how playful learning can help children succeed in the 21st century.

Introduction

- **Alison May**, NCSL

Speaker

- **Jody Sherman LeVos**, Mattel, Inc., Child Development and Learning

9:30-10:30 a.m.

Roundtable Dialogue: Early Care and Education Across the Aisle

Polling data show public interest in early childhood crosses party lines. Join this facilitated discussion with national experts representing both sides of the aisle. Learn why they are engaged in this policy work and hear ideas from the field to consider in your state.

Moderators

- **Alison May and Julie Poppe**, NCSL

Speakers

- **Katharine Stevens**, American Enterprise Institute
- **Simon Workman**, Center for American Progress

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45-11:30 a.m.

What Can NCSL Do For You and Your State?

NCSL staff will highlight services available to Early Learning Fellows. Showcase publications, presentations and working groups, and present opportunities for members to stay engaged. NCSL will also provide a brief federal update on early care and education.

Moderator

- **Alison May**, NCSL

11:30 a.m.-Noon

Finalize your Early Learning Fellows Plan

Opportunity to finalize your early learning action plan and share in small groups.

Noon-1 p.m.

Lunch

North Loop Room

1-2 p.m.

Supplemental Programming to Develop Early Literacy and Numeracy Skills

Reading Corps serves over 36,000 students in 12 states plus Washington, D.C. and is closing the achievement gap for underserved students. Hear about the research supporting this cost-effective program and a new pilot program focused on developing early numeracy skills.

Moderator

- **Matt Weyer**, NCSL

Speaker

- **Lindsay Dolce**, Reading & Math, Inc.

Legislative Respondent

- **Representative Roz Peterson** (R-Minn.)

2-2:30 p.m.

Closing Thoughts and Reflections

Participants will share elements from their Early Learning Fellows Plan with the full group, discuss next steps and provide overall comments about the Early Learning Fellows program.

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