



Sept. 18-19, 2017 | Denver, Colorado

Second Meeting: Policy, Research and Innovations

Denver Airport Marriott at Gateway Park • 16455 E. 40th Circle, Aurora, CO 80011

Agenda

Sunday, September 17, 2017 • Snowmass and Aspen Rooms • 1st Floor

6-8 p.m.

Reception

For those that arrive at the hotel in time plan to join us for an informal networking reception with your colleagues.

Monday, September 18, 2017 • Ballroom A & B • 1st Floor

8-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast and Networking

8:30-8:45 a.m.

Welcome, Introductions and Overview of the Day

8:45-9:15 a.m.

Fight Crime: Invest in Kids

Hear from one of the more than 5,000 law enforcement members of Fight Crime: Invest in Kids who has seen firsthand 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 Michael McIntosh, Adams County Sheriff's Office, Colorado

9:15-10:30 a.m.

Power of Play and Helping Young Children Develop Executive Functions and Self-Regulation

Take an in-depth look at executive functions/self-regulation and the link between those skills, later school achievement, and positive social-emotional outcomes. Hear how high-quality early learning environments can promote the development of these skills in children, and how make-believe play and playful learning can help young children develop executive functioning skills.

Moderator: Julie Poppe, NCSL

Speaker: Deb Leong, Tools of the Mind

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m.-Noon

Home Visiting and Parent Engagement

Early childhood home visiting can help families meet children's needs during the critical first five years of development. Learn from a national expert about home visiting trends, improved outcomes of children and a positive return on invest for adults and children. The session will also highlight two evidence based home visiting models, Nurse-Family Partnership and Healthy Families America, specifically

focusing on the program goals and the experience of being a trained nurse home visitor.

Introduction: Representative Kathy Swan (R-Mo.)

Speakers: Jill Filene, National Home Visiting Resource Center

Allison Mosqueda, Invest in Kids / Nurse Family Partnership

Noon-1 p.m.

Lunch

Great Room

1-2:15 p.m.

STEM in the Early Years

Children's knowledge of STEM in the early years is a strong predictor of not only later math and science achievement but also of later literacy. Learn about the foundational building blocks of early mathematics and science and their importance for young learners. This session will draw specific implications for practice and policy.

Moderator: Matt Weyer, NCSL

Speakers: Doug Clements, University of Denver

Julie Sarama, University of Denver

2:15-2:45 p.m.

Early Learning Plan Development

2:45-4 p.m.

Expulsion and Suspension in Early Childhood Settings

Suspension and expulsion are stressful and negative experiences that can impact child outcomes. This session will provide a review of what we know from the research on and dimensions of early childhood expulsions and suspensions and the potential role of state policy and supports. Hear about specific state examples, including Colorado's recent legislative approach.

Moderator: Julie Poppe, NCSL

Speakers: Carey McCann, BUILD Initiative

Representative Susan Lontine (D-Colo.)

Representative James Coleman (D-Colo.)

4-5 p.m.

Early Childhood Data

This session will examine integrating early childhood data to inform policy. The session will provide an opportunity for discussion on what is early childhood data sharing and what the data needs and challenges are in states. Hear state strategies from across the country, including Colorado's early childhood data system.

Moderator: Rochel Finzel, NCSL

Speakers: Carlise King, Early Childhood Data Collaborative

Colin Tackett, Colorado Department of Human Services

5-5:15 p.m.

Closing Thoughts and Reflections

6-8 p.m.

Reception & Dinner

Foyer and Ballroom C

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 • Ballroom A & B • 1st Floor

8-8:30 a.m.

Breakfast and Networking

- 8:30-9:45 a.m.** **Early Care and Education Financing**
 This session will highlight state approaches and strategies to finance an early care and education system, including public-private partnerships, tax credits and blended funding. Learn more about the cost of quality and how that factors into financing mechanisms. Participants will spend time discussing financing opportunities and challenges in small groups.
- Moderator: Julie Poppe, NCSL
 Speaker: Jeanna Capito, BUILD Initiative
- 9:45-10:45 a.m.** **Final Work on Early Learning Plan**
- 10:45-11 a.m.** **Break**
- 11 a.m.-Noon** **Early Learning Topics ‘Speed Round’ Session**
 Topics to include: chronic absenteeism, children’s caucuses, school finance formulas, and 3rd grade reading.
- Noon-1 p.m.** **Lunch**
Great Room
- 1-2 p.m.** **Promoting Quality Child Care Through an Effective Workforce**
 Nearly 2 million adults make a living caring for and educating more than 12 million young children (infants to preschoolers), but close to half of this workforce receive some type of government assistance. This session will focus on national and state policy efforts to promote quality settings by supporting and strengthening the early learning workforce, including educator degree or credential requirements, compensation, workforce retention and professional development.
- Moderator: Rochelle Finzel, NCSL
 Speaker: Jennifer Stedron, Early Milestones Colorado
- 2-2:45 p.m.** **School Readiness, Transitions and K-3 Alignment**
 Research has demonstrated that low-income students generally enter kindergarten 11-13 months behind their middle- and upper-class peers with these gaps commonly persisting throughout their K-12 education and negatively impacting life outcomes. Learn about policy strategies to address these alarming statistics including focusing on equitably increasing access to high quality Pre-K, improving transitions to kindergarten and aligning the K-3 system to set all students up on positive academic trajectories.
- Speakers: Bruce Atchison, Education Commission of the States (ECS)
 Matt Weyer, NCSL
- 2:45-3 p.m.** **Closing Thoughts and Reflections**

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