WASHINGTON STATE EARLY LEARNING FORUM
January 10, 2019
Location: Children’s Museum | 414 Jefferson St. NE, Olympia, WA 98501

8-9 a.m.  Breakfast at the Governor’s Mansion
           * For newly elected members (by invitation only)

9:30-9:45 a.m.  Welcome Introductions and Overview of the Day
                  * First Lady Trudi Inslee

9:45-10:45 a.m.  Brain Science: How Early Experiences Shape the Brain
                  * Patricia Kuhl, Institute of Learning & Brain Sciences, University of Washington

10:45-11 a.m.  Break

11 a.m.-Noon  Economic Case for Investing in Early Childhood
                  * Julie Poppe, National Conference of State Legislatures
                  * Robert Dugger, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group

Noon-12:45 p.m.  Working Lunch: Discussion Around Quality
                  * Gail Joseph, University of Washington College of Education

12:45-2:30 p.m.  Panel Discussion: What is the Status of Early Learning in Washington
                  Take a deep dive into child care access, affordability and quality; prekindergarten; the
                  importance of school readiness and learn about the essential pieces of a prenatal-to-3
                  system. This conversation will center around policy priorities for 2019 and beyond.
                  * Representative Ruth Kagi
                  * Frank Ordway, Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families
                  * Senator Lisa Wellman
                  * Representative Tana Senn
                  * Representative Kristine Reeves
                  * Jon Gould, Children’s Alliance