



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**
Presenter:
- First Lady Trudi Inslee
- 9:45-10:45 a.m. **Brain Science: How Early Experiences Shape the Brain**
Presenter:
- 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**
Introduction:
- Julie Poppe, National Conference of State Legislatures
- Presenter:*
- Robert Dugger, Human Capital and Economic Opportunity Global Working Group
- Noon-12:45 p.m. **Working Lunch: Discussion Around Quality**
Presenter:
- 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.
Moderator:
- Representative Ruth Kagi
- Presenters:*
- Frank Ordway, Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families
 - Senator Lisa Wellman
 - Representative Tana Senn
 - Representative Kristine Reeves
 - Jon Gould, Children's Alliance