



## Webinar Recap: Revolutionizing Early Childhood Teaching

Thank you to everyone able to join our June webinar *Revolutionizing Early Childhood Teaching*. Bob Pianta and Adele Robinson provided excellent presentations on professional development of early childhood teachers and the importance of teacher-child interactions that we hope everyone found informative. For those unable to attend the June 8th webinar, access the archived version on NCSL's website [here](#). You can also view the presentations and other handouts provided for the webinar on the website. As a reminder, Dr. Pianta is faculty for the Early Learning Fellows, so if you would like to connect with him, please email [julie.poppe@ncsl.org](mailto:julie.poppe@ncsl.org).

Let us know if you have any feedback from the webinar. Please take a few moments to complete a brief evaluation survey by clicking [HERE](#).

Next call will be Friday, August 10th. Please remember that these webinars are FREE for Fellows to join; however, you must register for the call.



## Fellow encourages parent involvement



Tennessee state Senator Brian Kelsey introduced a bill (SB 3588) during the 2012 legislative session that encourages parent involvement with schools.

The enacted bill requires the state's department of education to develop a model parental involvement contract that may be used by local education

authorities (LEAs) and to encourage LEAs to

enter into voluntary parental involvement contracts with students' parents or guardians.

Senator Kelsey thinks that parental involvement is one of the most important factors in student success. "This bill will help parents know what actions are expected of them, and it will encourage them to follow through on those actions," said Kelsey. To view the legislation click [here](#).

If you have a piece of legislation or policy work to highlight in the next Fellows newsletter, please email [alison.may@ncsl.org](mailto:alison.may@ncsl.org).

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### Save the Date— Webinar Series

Friday, August 10, 2012  
3pm ET: Topic and speaker to be confirmed soon.

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Got an early childhood question you are burning to ask?

Feel free to contact NCSL staff — Julie Poppe or Alison May— and we will make sure you get an answer!

Start a conversation  
with your peers!  
Use NCSL's Early  
Learning Listserv:  
[elfellows-  
dist@ncsl.org](mailto:elfellows-dist@ncsl.org).

## NCSL Legislative Summit

Are you planning to attend Legislative Summit? This summer, the nation's



legislators and legislative staff will gather in Chicago August 6th - 9th at the [NCSL Legislative](#)

[Summit](#). Designed for legislators and legislative staff, the Summit gives you the best value - speakers, training, resources, experts, events, and more - you'll find anywhere. The meeting is your opportunity to meet colleagues from across the country, share ideas, talk with experts, learn from nationally renowned speakers and discover policy solutions. The meeting provides valuable professional development opportunities and the chance to network and learn from legislative colleagues from

across the nation facing similar challenges and working to accomplish common goals. Participants can choose from hundreds of different policy sessions on critical issues facing legislatures today.

A session of interest for Fellows:

*Home Visiting: Models and Policy Options for Creating the Best Programs* which takes place on Tuesday, August 7th from 3pm - 4pm. This session will discuss effective home visiting models, state policy options and how best to integrate a home visiting program into the comprehensive early childhood care and education system. Discuss the challenges, and hear about federal grants available to states. Please email [Phuonglan Nguyen](mailto:Phuonglan.Nguyen@ncsl.org) ([phuonglan.nguyen@ncsl.org](mailto:phuonglan.nguyen@ncsl.org)) for more information.



## Resources

Access NCSL's [Early Care and Education June e-update](#) [here](#). The latest e-update includes a summary-highlight of 2012 legislation.

The National Center for Children in Poverty recently released a new online tool, "[The Young Child Risk Calculator](#)." This interactive tool will show users how many children under age six in each state are experiencing serious risks to their development. The tool allows users to select from three age groups, as well as three economic and various other risk factors known to affect children's devel-

opment.

NCCP also released the latest [Early Childhood State Policy Profiles](#), which is a comprehensive view of state policies in the areas of health, early care and education, and parenting and economic supports, that affect the health and well-being of young children in low-income families.



## Legislative Summit Opportunity Educare Tour

An Educare early childhood education program site visit will take place on **Wednesday, August 8** from 8:45am - 10:30am.

*Educare Chicago* has been a nationally recognized, research-based early childhood program model since 2000, bringing together education leaders, lawmakers, the private sector, communities and families to ensure that low-income children enter kindergarten ready to learn.

The tour/site visit is **FREE**, but advanced RSVP is required by contacting [Phuonglan Nguyen](mailto:Phuonglan.Nguyen@ncsl.org) at 303-856-1582 or [phuonglan.nguyen@ncsl.org](mailto:phuonglan.nguyen@ncsl.org)

The tour bus will return to McCormick Place Convention Center in time for the 11:00am Issue Forums.