



Beating the Odds: Tapping Brain Potential (Deep Dive Session)

Wednesday, August 5 - 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. / Washington Convention Center Room 608-609

Agenda

- 2:00 - 2:05 Welcome from Representative Ruth Kagi, Washington
- 2:05 - 2:15 Introduction and Starters
- Moderator: Jeff Hurt, Velvet Chainsaw Consulting
- 2:15 - 3:00 Science of Early Childhood Development and the Economic Case for Early Investments
Hear from leading experts as they provide an overview of research into the development of brain architecture and what it means for policymaking; the importance of access to health care, evidence-based activities and screenings, and linkages between health and early learning; and the economic case for investments in early childhood programs and the impact on later education, health, criminal justice and workforce development.
- Moderator: Jeff Hurt
- Deborah Phillips, Ph.D., Georgetown University
 - RJ Gillespie, MD, MHPE, Oregon
 - Rob Grunewald, Federal Reserve Bank of Minnesota
- 3:00 - 3:15 Break
- Sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics
- 3:15 - 4:05 Translating Science and Research into Policy and Practice: The Washington Story
Participants will hear from two Washington legislators as they take a 'deep dive' into how Washington translated research into policy through strong bipartisan cooperation.
- Moderator: Jeff Hurt
- Representative Ruth Kagi, Washington
 - Senator Steve Litzow, Washington
- 4:05 - 4:25 VROOM: Every parent has what it takes to be a brain builder
Hear from [Jackie Bezos](#) of the Bezos Foundation about putting research into action with Vroom- an initiative designed to support parents in promoting their children's brain development during the first five years of life.
- 4:25 - 4:30 Closing Remarks from Senator Steve Litzow, Washington

