

2022 Public Policy Forum

Sunday, February 27 & Monday, February 28 #naeycPPF



Agenda

Sunday, February 27

1:00 – 1:15 pm: Welcome

- Rhian Evans Allvin, NAEYC CEO and Ann McClain Terrell, NAEYC Governing Board President
- Senator Patty Murray (D-WA)
- *Sponsor Remarks: Alejandra Barraza, PhD, President, HighScope Educational Research Foundation*

1:15 – 2:00 pm: A Federal Conversation: Advancing and Investing in Early Childhood Education Across States, Settings, and Departments

- Wendy Chun-Hoon, Director, Women's Bureau, U.S. Department of Labor, Katie Hamm, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and Roberto Rodriguez, Assistant Secretary for Planning, Evaluation, and Policy Development, U.S. Department of Education

2:00 - 2:40 pm: Federal Budget & Appropriations: Building a Shared Understanding in 2022

- Martha Coven, former Associate Director for Education, Income Maintenance, and Labor, Office of Management and Budget

2:40 - 3:00 pm: Break

3:00 - 3:40 pm: In Fellowship: Creating Community with ECE Advocacy, Policy and Leadership Cohorts

- Helen Blank, Geania Dickey, and Dionne Dobbins (Emerging Leaders); Jerletha McDonald and Sheryl Hutzenbiller (family child care / Texas and Montana); Heather Marden and Jordyn Rossignol (Maine); Cristina Codario, Ana Wolfowicz, and Joy Gibson (Pennsylvania); Eric Boucher (Arizona); Kimberly Tice and Shawn Holden (Ohio)

3:40 - 4:00 pm: Resource Highlight! Supporting Your Child Care Business with Federal Relief Funds

- Diane Girouard, Child Care Aware of America
- *Sponsor Remarks: A Message from Kaplan Early Learning Company*

4:00 – 4:30 pm: Listening In on State Child Care Leaders: Struggles, Supports, and Successes

- Rhian Evans Allvin, NAEYC CEO in conversation with Beth Bye, Commissioner, Connecticut Office of Early Childhood and Ariel Ford, Director of the Division of Child Development and Early Education for the Department of Health and Human Services, North Carolina

State Team Meetings may follow; On-Demand Sessions are available for viewing

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- Special Message from the Biden Administration
- Meet the NAEYC Team!
- *Sponsor Remarks: Michelle Thomas, Senior Early Education Policy Advisor, TCC Software Solutions*

1:15 – 2:15 pm: Concurrent Compensation Sessions: Choose One!

- **Compensation Schedules: What They Are, Why They Matter & How To Use Them In Your States**
 - Madeleine Bayard, Rodel; Julie Bieber, Kingswood Community Center Early Learning Academy; Theresa Hawley, Northern Illinois University; Lisa Hildebrand, RIAEYC; Khadija Lewis-Khan, Beautiful Beginnings Child Care Center; Ann McCully, Child Care Aware of Minnesota; Bela Moté, Carole Robertson Center for Learning Illinois; Zina Noel, Northwestern University; and Cass Wolfe, Child Care Services Association
- **Washington Wins: Compensation Successes in Washington, DC and Washington State**
 - Joan Altman, Washington Health Benefit Exchange; Shayna Cook, Bainum Family Foundation; Marla Dean, Bright Beginnings; Charisse Fagins, Educare DC; Kathy Hollowell-Makle, DCAEYC; Nicole Rose, Washington Department of Children, Youth, and Families

2:15 - 2:30 pm: Closing

- What's Next to #SolveChildCare
- *Sponsor Remarks: Garrett Bauman, Director, Public Policy & State Partnerships, Teaching Strategies LLC*

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Tuesday, March 1: State of the Union

- Watch and chat together on social media at 9:00 pm ET! #SOTU #SolveChildCare

Wednesday, March 2 - Friday, March 11: Virtual Congressional Visits

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On Demand Sessions

**Asterisks indicate sessions that were previously recorded at NAEYC's Annual Conferences or the 2021 Public Policy Forum, but which are still so timely, relevant, and important that we wanted to make sure those who weren't able to participate in those events (or didn't have a chance to catch the presentations) have the opportunity to watch the sessions anyway!*

- **Bridging the Data Gap to Transform Child Care: The Arizona Story**
 - Alma Cortes, Faith Lutheran Preschool; Sharon Easterling, Opportunities Exchange; Karla Houghtalin, Southwest Human Development; Louise Stoney, Opportunities Exchange; Lela Wendell, Director, Arizona Department of Economic Security
- **Building Quality Systems: How the State of Connecticut is Leveraging NAEYC Early Learning Program Accreditation to Support Quality Initiatives.**
 - Alissa Mwenelupembe, Senior Director, Early Learning Program Accreditation, NAEYC and Deb Flis, Division Director, Connecticut Office of Early Learning
- **Child Care and the Media***
 - Kavitha Cardoza, with Terry DeMio, Cincinnati Enquirer, and Bianca Padro Ocasio, Miami Herald
- **Developing a Shared Understanding: Federal ECE Policy**
 - Lauren Hogan, Managing Director, Policy and Professional Development, NAEYC
- **Family Child Care Voices Matter**
 - Laverne Cheeseboro, Heavenly Made Creations; Rosslyn Cheney, Future Scholars 24-Hour Childcare, Texas; Latonta Godbolt, Small Wonders Family Child Care, Pennsylvania; Jerletha McDonald, ADFW Family Child Care Network, Texas; Erica Phillips, All Our Kin
- **First Timers: Getting Ready for Your Virtual Congressional Visits***
 - Amy O'Leary, Strategies for Children, in conversation with Al Bannan, Office of Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamici (OR-1); Josh Delaney, Office of U.S. Senator Reverend Raphael Warnock (D-GA); and Norma Schwartz, Florida AEYC
- **Five Key Questions for ECE Advocates (And How to Answer Them)***
 - Rasheed Malik, Senior Policy Analyst, Early Childhood Policy, Center for American Progress; Barbara Cooper, Secretary, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education; Jon Whiten, Director of State Communications, Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Molly Day, Co-Director for Early Learning, Multnomah, Oregon; Margarida Jorge, Executive Director, Health Care for America Now
 - **Breakout: How might advocates approach efforts to deregulate child care?***
Rasheed Malik in conversation with Ann McCully, Child Care Aware of Minnesota
 - **Breakout: How can advocates prioritize funding directly for the ECE workforce?***
Barbara Cooper in conversation with Rhian Evans Allvin, NAEYC and Brandy Lawrence, Bank Street School of Education
 - **Breakout: What strategies can advocates use to respond to tight state budgets?***
Jon Whiten in conversation with Anna Baumann, KYPolicy, Chuck Brown, OpenSky Policy Institute, Nebraska, and Brandon McKoy, New Jersey Policy Perspective

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- **Breakout: How can educators and advocates partner with families and each other to advance investments in preschool alongside investments in infants and toddlers?***
Molly Day in conversation with Kimberly Early, Pennsylvania AEYC and Michelle Kang, NAEYC, featuring participation from parent leaders from Oregon
- **Breakout: How might ECE advocates organize for success?***
Margarida Jorge in conversation with Lucy Recio, NAEYC
- **From Healing to Thriving: A Conversation about Advancing Equity in ECE and Beyond***
 - Marica Cox Mitchell, Bainum Family Foundation; Edgar Villanueva, Schott Foundation for Public Education
- **Making the Case for Infant-Toddler Policy: Resources to Support You**
 - Justine Davenport, Acting Director of Advocacy and Jennifer Jennings-Shaffer, Assistant Director of State Advocacy, ZERO TO THREE
- **Onward: A Conversation about Advancing High Quality ECE Professional Preparation***
 - Tara Dwyer, OCDEL; Elsa Jones, Post University; Martha Muñoz, Arizona AEYC; Carrie Nepstad, Harold Washington College
- **Re-imagining Child Care with Black and Brown Early Educators in the Lead**
 - Charli Cooksey, WEPOWER, Missouri; Matthew Henderson and Miles Tokunow, OLÉ, New Mexico; Ellicia Lanier, Gateway Early Childhood Alliance and UrbanSprouts, Missouri; Rachel Schumacher, The Raising Child Care Fund
- **Start with Equity: 14 Priorities to Dismantle Systemic Racism in Early Care and Education***
 - Iheoma Iruka, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Center, UNC-Chapel Hill; Shantel Meek, Children's Equity Project, Arizona State University
- **The Reach of Research: Exploring the Role of Research in Making and Implementing Policy***
 - Sharon Lynn Kagan, Teachers College; Nicol Russell, Teaching Strategies; Johnette Peyton, NAEYC
- **There's No Going Back: Building the Future of the Early Childhood Education Profession***
 - Rosalina Burgos, CentroNia; Ana De Hoyos O'Connor, San Antonio College; Shyrelle Eubanks, National Education Association; Lauren Hogan, NAEYC

Extended Opportunities

Wednesday, March 2: Early Childhood Educators + Public Service Loan Forgiveness

- 12:00 - 1:00 pm ET: Join NAEYC, in partnership with the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Coalition and Equal Justice Works, to learn about important updates to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) program, and share your ECE-specific situations, questions, and challenges. [Register here.](#)

Wednesday, March 9: Early Childhood Educators + the Child Tax Credit

- 7:00 - 8:00 pm ET: National ECE partners are coming together to provide a training opportunity, available in English and Spanish, for early childhood educators to learn how you can help families claim the Expanded Child Tax Credit and claim it yourself! [Register here.](#)