

2021 Public Policy Forum



Agenda Highlights

Sunday, February 28: Livestream from 1:00 - 4:00 pm ET with a 30-minute break

- Child Care and the Media panel
- Messages from key federal policymakers
- Virtual Congressional Meeting Talking Points

Monday, March 1: Livestream from 12:30 - 3:30 pm ET with a 30-minute break

- Panel and breakout sessions on “Five Key Questions from ECE Advocates & How To Answer Them”
 - *How might advocates approach efforts to deregulate child care?*
 - *What strategies can advocates look to in order to increase compensation for the workforce?*
 - *How might ECE advocates organize for success?*
 - *What strategies can advocates use to respond to tight state budgets?*
 - *How can educators and advocates partner with families and each other to advance investments in preschool alongside investments in infants and toddlers?*
- Featuring leaders from Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education; Bank Street College of Education; Center for American Progress; Center on Budget and Policy Priorities; Child Care Aware of Minnesota; Health Care for America Now; Preschool for All Campaign in Multnomah, Oregon; and Pennsylvania AEYC.

On-Demand Sessions

More than one dozen on-demand 30-60 minute sessions featuring ECE partners and leaders, including:

- Nothing for Us, Without Us: Centering the Voices of Educators in Policymaking
- Onward: A Conversation about Advancing High Quality ECE Professional Preparation
- A Shared Understanding: Federal Budget and Appropriations
- First-Timers: Getting Ready for Your Virtual Congressional Visits
- Start with Equity: 14 Priorities to Dismantle Systemic Racism in Early Care and Education
- The Reach of Research: Exploring the Role of Research in Making and Implementing Policy
- 50 States to Celebrate 50 Years: Proclamations to Advance the ECE Profession During WOYC

State Team Meetings and Congressional Visits

Public Policy Forum participants will be notified by their State Team Leaders about times and opportunities for state team meetings and virtual Congressional visits.

- Suggested times for State Team Meetings include 4:00 - 5:00 pm on Sunday, 2/28 and Monday, 3/1
- Congressional Visits will happen throughout the week of March 1 - 5