

# Agenda

*Sunday and Monday sessions take place in Salons ABCHJK, except for afternoon breakouts.*

*\*Please note that all Public Policy Forum sessions are closed to press and off the record\**

## Sunday, February 22

*Registration opens at 11 AM*

### 1:00–1:15 PM: Welcome and Introductions

*Daniel Hains, NAEYC*

*Sponsor Remarks by Dr. Jeffrey Beal, HighScope Educational Research Foundation*

*Michelle Kang, NAEYC*

### 1:15–2:45 PM: Advocacy and State Policy Plenaries

#### 1:15–2:00 PM: NAEYC at 100, Looking Back and Looking Forward

*Speakers: Joan Lombardi, Georgetown Thrive Center on Children, Families and Communities and Stanford Center on Early Childhood; Barbara Willer, Retired NAEYC Staff; Lucy Recio, Third Bloom Consulting; Nicole Lazarte, NAEYC; Michelle Kang, NAEYC*

#### 2:00–2:45 PM: Hearing from the States: How Leaders and Advocates are Advancing ECE Wins

*Speakers: Berna Artis, District of Columbia AEYC; Dr. Hailey Heinz, New Mexico ECECD; Sharron Harrington, Vermont AEYC; Hanan Osman, Indiana AEYC; Daniel Hains, NAEYC*

### 2:45 PM–3:00 PM: Break to Breakouts

### 3:00–4:00 PM: Concurrent Breakout Sessions

#### Breakout #1: Child Care, Caregivers, and the Cost of Care: The Tax Fight for our Littlest Learners (Salon II)

*Speakers: Jaymie Cobb, State Revenue Alliance; Jonathan Huskey, State Revenue Alliance*

Breakout #2: Right Sizing Child Care Regulations: How to Support Providers and Educators While Protecting Children and Families (Salons ABCHJK)

*Speakers: Louise Stoney, Opportunities Exchange; Jackie Firmin, New Hampshire AEYC; Daniel Hains, NAEYC*

Breakout #3: Next Steps after HR1: How ECE Advocates Can Mitigate Harm (Salon F/G)

*Speakers: Leo Cuello, Georgetown Center for Children and Families; Nancy Kaneb, Georgetown Center for Children and Families; Peggy Kemp, Council for Exceptional Children; Danielle Ewen, Sixth Street Associates; Paola Andujar, NAEYC*

Breakout #4: Advocating by the Numbers (Salons D/E)

*Speakers: Paula Drew, WECA; Julie Stoffel, WECA; Taylor Vande Vyver, WECA*

Breakout #5: Building Educator Leadership Capacity in the States (Salon I)

*Speakers: Heather Marden, Maine AEYC; Diane Volcansek, Northern Virginia AEYC; Wendy Occhipinti, Florida AEYC; Nicole Lazarte, NAEYC*

4:00–4:15: Back to Main Room

4:15–5:00 PM: Advocacy and State Policy Plenaries

4:15-4:55 PM: State ECE Budget Advocacy after HR1

*Speakers: Anne Hedgepeth, Child Care Aware of America; Diane Girouard, NAEYC; Daniel Hains, NAEYC*

4:55-5:00 PM: Sponsor Remarks by Dr. Rebecca Berlin, Kaplan Early Learning Company

5:00–6:30 PM: Happy Birthday NAEYC Reception (Co-hosted by Kaplan Early Learning Company)

*(Grand Foyer A-C/ Skyview) Appetizers and a free drink included for every registrant. Cash bar will be available.*

Enjoy time in the evening, and dinner in and around Washington, DC!

## Monday, February 23

7:45–8:45 AM: Breakfast (Grand Foyer A-C)

8:45–9:00 AM: Welcome

*Tonia Durden, NAEYC Governing Board President*  
*Videos from Members of Congress*

9:00–10:30 AM: Congressional Advocacy Plenaries

9:00–9:45 AM: Congressional Staff Perspectives on Effective Hill Advocacy

*Speakers: Emily Hopkins (Rep. Suzanne Bonamici- OR), Rebecca Howard (Sen. Tim Kaine- VA), Paola Andujar (NAEYC)*

9:45–10:30 AM: Preparing for Your Visits to Capitol Hill

*Speakers: Katie Hamm, Next Steps Early Childhood LLC; Daniel Hains, NAEYC; Paola Andujar, NAEYC*

10:30–11:00 AM: Focused State Team Time

11:00–11:15 AM: Break to Breakouts

11:15 AM–12:15 PM: Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Breakout #1: Building Cross-Sector Partnerships for Successful Advocacy (Salon I)

*Speakers: Lauren Bealore, Main Street Alliance; Eva Szmuto, Prevent Child Abuse NJ and NJ Parents as Teachers; Deborah DePaoli, Institute for Child Success; Citlaly Rojo, Institute for Child Success; Paola Andujar, NAEYC*

Breakout #2: PPF First Timers: How to Have a Successful Meeting with Policymakers (Salons ABCHJK)

*Speakers: Amy O'Leary, Strategies for Children; Norma Schwartz, Florida AEYC*

Breakout #3: Seeing Through the Fog: The Future of Child Care is People Centered Policies (Salons D/E)

*Speakers: Marica Cox Mitchell, Bainum Family Foundation*

Breakout #4: Making an Impact: Lessons Learned from ECE Higher Education Pathways Meeting ECE Workforce Needs (Salon F/G)

*Speakers: Toks Fashola, American University; Gabrielle Harris, American University; Bisa Lewis, Council for Professional Recognition; Christine Schull, Northern Virginia Community College; Mary Harrill, NAEYC*

Breakout #5: IDEA and Other Federal Policies that Support Inclusion in Early Care and Education (Rosslyn I & II)

*Speakers: Sharon Walsh, Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children (DEC)*

Breakout #6: Changes to the CCDF Rule, What Educators and Program Leaders Need to Know (Salon II)

*Speakers: Ruth Friedman, The Century Foundation*

### 12:15–1:15 PM: Lunch (Grand Foyer A-C)

*Optional Lunch and Learn – DEC Members (National Landing 2)*

*Optional Lunch and Learn – Alliance for Learning Innovation (Pentagon)*

### 1:15–1:30 PM: Break to Breakouts

### 1:30–2:30 PM: Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Breakout #1: Parents and Providers as Partners in ECE Advocacy (Salons F/G)

*Speakers: Taylor Vande Vyver, WECA; Grace Vanuza Rogers, Oklahoma AEYC; Kasey McBlais, Maine AEYC; Melissa Harding, Maine AEYC; Daniel Hains, NAEYC*

Breakout #2: Speak Up, Shape Our Research: A Focus Group with NAEYC Researchers (Rosslyn I & II)

*Speakers: Meghan Salas Atwell, NAEYC; Joy Browne, NAEYC*

Breakout #3: The Potential Harm of the Federal "Do No Harm" Provision on ECE Higher Education Pathways: Exploring Federal Higher Education Provisions and Implications for ECE Higher Ed Pathways (Salon I)

*Speakers: R. Taylor, Chemeketa Community College and ORAEYC; Chris Madaio, The Institute for College Access and Success; Mary Harrill, NAEYC*

Breakout #4: Navigating Challenges Facing Immigrant Families and Early Educators (Salons ABCHJK)

*Speakers: Priya Pandey, CLASP; Paola Andujar, NAEYC*

Breakout #5: Educators in the Spotlight: How You Can Create Connection, Attention and Action for Early Childhood Education by Harnessing the Brain Science of Storytelling (Salons D/E)

*Speakers: Jen Bradwell, MAKE A CIRCLE and RAISE Initiative; Kathy Pomer, GatherRound Consulting and RAISE Initiative*

Breakout #6: Partnerships in Inclusion: Co-Creating Spaces that Include Children with Disabilities (Salon II)

*Speakers: Peggy Kemp, Division for Early Childhood of the Council for Exceptional Children*

2:30–2:45 PM: Back to Main Room

2:45–3:30 PM: Advocacy Plenary

How to Engage with Media to Tell Your Story

*Speakers: Jackie Mader, Hechinger Report; Moriah Balingit, Associated Press; Maya Lora, Baltimore Banner; Will Bohlen, Cogent Strategies*

3:30–3:45 PM: Preview of RAISE

A new initiative from the filmmakers behind Make a Circle and GatherRound Consulting

3:45–4:30 PM: Dedicated State Team Time

5:30–7:00 PM: Capitol Hill Reception Honoring Early Childhood Educators (Sponsored by the Council for Professional Recognition)

*\*RSVP required, space is limited. Program starts at 5:45 PM.*

## Tuesday, February 24: Hill Day!

7:00–9:00 AM: Breakfast, State Team Meetings, and Bus Boarding to the Hill (Salons AK)

- 7:30 am: First Group Boards the Bus at the front of the hotel (Leave at 7:45 AM)
- 8:30 am: Second Group Boards the Bus at the front of the hotel (Leave at 8:45 AM)

*Note: Shuttles are only available for travel to Capitol Hill in the morning, participants will want to utilize Metro or a taxi service to return to the hotel in the evening. The nearest metro station to the Senate Office Buildings is Union Station (Red Line), and the nearest to the Houe Office Building is Capitol South (Blue, Orange, Silver Lines)*

9:00 AM–5:00 PM: Congressional Office Meetings (Coordinate with STL)

