**AGENDA**

**Key Goals for Participants:**
- Acquire increased knowledge about federal and state policy landscapes
- Understand how current policy priorities and strategies can be integrated and aligned
- Explore policy and political complexities, consequences, and trade-offs of decisions
- Gain useful and applicable skills, strategies, tools, and resources
- Establish new and stronger relationships with fellow advocates within and across state teams
- Feel confident and prepared for Hill meetings

*Please Note: In recognition of Washington DC’s commitment to acronyms that resemble alphabet soup, all sessions will be held in Salons ABCHJK, unless otherwise specified.*

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**Sunday, February 24**

1:00 - 1:15 pm: Welcome
- Rhian Evans Allvin, CEO, NAEYC

1:15 - 1:30 pm: State Team Meeting 1: Introductions

1:30 - 2:30 pm: Child Care is Everywhere: Maximizing Opportunities and Addressing Challenges
- Helen Blank, National Women’s Law Center; Brooke Butler, Center for American Progress; JenDeBell, PennAEYC; Arlene Ennis, Family Child Care Provider; Lauren Hogan, NAEYC; Jacob Stewart, Child Care Aware of America

2:30 - 2:45 pm: Break

2:45 - 3:45 pm: Accessible, Affordable and High-Quality...Higher Education? Let’s Make It Happen!
- Mary Harrill, NAEYC; Quadaja Herriott, Current Student, Trinity University; Sue Russell, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood; Michael Yudin, The Raben Group

3:45 - 4:15 pm: Break

4:15 - 5:15 pm: Where Are They Now? Power to the Profession Updates & State Team Meeting 2
- Marica Mitchell, Lucy Recio, and Katherine Kempe, NAEYC

5:15 - 5:30 pm: Closing Remarks
- Kelly Harper, DC Teacher of the Year, National Teacher of the Year Finalist

5:30 - 6:30 pm: Optional “Table Talk” Conversations: Topic-Based and Across State Teams!
Monday, February 25

7:30 am: Breakfast and Networking

8:00 am: Welcome
- Amy O’Leary, President of the Governing Board, NAEYC
- Sponsor Remarks: Dr. Cheryl Polk, President of the HighScope Educational Research Foundation

8:15 - 8:30 am: Updates from Capitol Hill: The Child Care for Working Families Act
- Kara Marchione, Education Policy Advisor, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions (HELP)

8:30 - 9:15 am: Whereas & Therefore: Week of the Young Child Proclamations & State Team Meeting 3
- Sue Russell, T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood and Lauren Hogan, NAEYC

9:15 - 10:15 am: Communications Strategies to Compel and Propel an Advocacy Agenda
- Storytelling: Nina Perez, MomsRising
- Social Media: Emma Peterson, IWS

10:15 - 10:45 am: Break

10:45 - 11:45 am: Federal Budget & Appropriations: Everything You Need to Know (and More!)
- Martha Coven, Visiting Professor and Lecturer, Princeton University; and former Associate Director for Education, Income Maintenance, and Labor in the Office of Management and Budget

11:45 am - 12:45 pm: Lunch
- Sponsor Remarks: Michelle Thomas, Senior Policy Advisor for TCC Software Solutions

12:45 - 1:45 pm: Strong, Smart, and Powerful Advocates for Children: NAEYC Hill Day Activities, Talking Points, and Leave-Behinds
- Lauren Hogan, NAEYC

1:45 - 2:00 pm: Break to Breakouts

2:00 - 4:15 pm: Session for First-Timers (or First-Timers at Heart)
- Preparing and practicing for a successful meeting with policymakers
  - Amy O’Leary, Strategies for Children and Zaina Cahill, Children’s Village, with support from members of the Young Professional Advisory Council (YPAC)
  - Room: Salon I
2:00 - 3:00 pm: Getting on the Train That’s Moving
Helping you integrate opportunities and connect your priorities to the issues, funding streams, and topics of conversations that have attention and are moving in your states and communities!

- **Track 1: Policies that Support Infants and Toddlers (and the Families & Educators Who Love Them)**
  - Daniel Hains and Jamie Colvard, ZERO TO THREE
  - Room: Salon E
- **Track 2: Getting to Yes: Supporting Mixed-Delivery Settings & ECE Workforce as State PreK Expands**
  - Albert Wat, Alliance for Early Success
  - Room: Salon II
- **Track 3: What Disinvestment & Activism in the K-12 World Means for Early Childhood Educators B-8**
  - Shyrelle Eubanks, NEA and Megan Stockhausen, AFT
  - Room: Salon G
- **Track 4: Improving B-5 Systems with Preschool Development Grants**
  - Danielle Ewen, EducationCounsel and Sarah Rittling, First Five Years Fund
  - Room: Salon F
- **Track 5: Talking About Workforce Development, Apprenticeships, and CTE? Talk About ECE Too!**
  - Katie Spiker, National Skills Coalition
  - Room: Salon D
- **Track 6: Children Don’t Come in Pieces: Advancing Policies that Respond to ACEs, Opioids, and Trauma**
  - Cody Kornack, National Head Start Association
  - Room: Pentagon

3:00 - 3:15 pm: Break

3:15 - 4:15 pm: Preparing to Drive the Train
Helping you prepare for opportunities, challenges, and leadership roles in moving issues forward (because while getting on a moving train is important, sometimes you’re going to want to take the wheel).

- **Track 1: Unifying and Redefining QRIS**
  - Marica Cox Mitchell, NAEYC and Tanetta Merritt, Learning Curve Child Development Center
  - Room: Salon D
- **Track 2: We Are All Responsible: Advancing Equity and Equitable Systems for Children and Educators**
  - Syritha Robinson, Education Trust and Barbara Willer, NAEYC
  - Room: Salon II
- **Track 3: Preparing for the 2020 Census and the Undercount of Children**
  - Angela Manso, National Association for Latino Elected Officials (NALEO)
  - Room: Salon F
- **Track 4: Advancing Educator Competencies and Compensation**
  - Ruth Schmidt, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association and Mary Harrill, NAEYC
  - Room: Salon E
- **Track 5: Fighting Deregulation Threats**
  - Davida McDonald, EducationCounsel and Tara Williams, MaineAEYC
  - Room: Pentagon
- **Track 6: Centering Educator Voices in Electoral Advocacy**
  - Lucy Recio, NAEYC and Renée Coe, Every Child Matters
  - Room: Salon G
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4:15 - 4:30 pm: Break

4:30 - 5:15 pm: Plan Your Hill Visits: State Team Meeting 4
• With support and guidance from NAEYC and partner staff

5:15 - 5:45 pm: NAEYC AMA (Ask Me Anything)
• With NAEYC leadership and staff

5:45 - 6:00 pm: We’re All In This Together: Closing Remarks
• Sara Morrison, United Parent Leaders Action Network (UPLAN)

Tuesday, February 26: Day on the Hill

7:00 - 9:00 am: Breakfast and State Team Meetings 5

7:30 am: First Group Boards the Bus
• Leave at 7:45 am

8:30 am: Second Group Boards the Bus
• Leave at 8:45 am

11:15 am: Press Conference & Twitter Storm to Introduce the Child Care for Working Families Act! #ChildCare4All

2:00 pm onwards: Tell us how your day went…we’ll be waiting! (Bar at the Crystal Gateway Marriott)

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