

Legacy 2030: Pioneers in Early Childhood Education Roundtable

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Sofitel Washington DC Lafayette Square

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AGENDA

We are capturing the “story” of early learning policy from its early history to today—and what that means for tomorrow - through the perspectives of influential pioneers in early education.

These are critical days for the early childhood education field. Public support on both sides of the aisle for high-quality early childhood education is strong. Yet significant disparities across the country remain--too few children have access to high-quality preschool, childcare costs more than college in many states, and most early education teachers lack parity with K-12 colleagues. Young children are increasingly growing up in very diverse families, and may face institutional barriers to success. The Pioneers in Early Childhood Education Roundtable will give us the opportunity to discuss urgent policy issues that could make a significant difference in child outcomes for all young children. We aim to explore solutions from diverse viewpoints among leaders who have shaped the early childhood education (ECE) field.

8:00-9:00 **BREAKFAST AND NETWORKING**

9:00-9:10 **WELCOME AND GOALS OF THE MEETING**

Lori Connors-Tadros, Senior Project Director, CEELo

9:10 **POLICY CHALLENGE #1:** Many would say that the biggest challenge facing the early childhood education (ECE) field is the diversity, competence and compensation of the early childhood workforce. If we did it right, what would we do?

9:10--9:15 Moderator: Lori Connors-Tadros - States the question and guidelines for the discussion

9:15-9:30 Barbara Bowman and Valora Washington will spark the discussion: 3-5 minutes reflection on the policy challenge and conversation with moderator

9:30 Dialogue/Conversation Among All Pioneers

- 11:00** **Morning Recap: So What, Now What?**
- Reflections from Invited Guests: Laura Bornfreund, New America to offer 3-5 minutes of reflections on the morning conversation and implications for her work. Open discussion.
- 11:30** **Transition to Lunch**
- 11:45-12:45** **NETWORKING LUNCH**
- 12:45** **POLICY CHALLENGE #2:** State funded preschool enrollment has not had the impacts on the educational trajectory of many young children in the US that were expected. Why, and how do we change this?
- 12:45-12:50 Moderator: Christina Samuels- States the question and guidelines for the discussion
- 12:50-1:05 Linda Espinosa and Larry Schweinhart will spark the discussion: 3-5 minutes reflection on the policy challenge from selected pioneers and conversation with Moderator
- 1:00 Dialogue/Conversation Among All Pioneers
- 2:15** **Afternoon Recap: So What, Now What?**
- Reflections from Invited Guests: Linda Smith, Bipartisan Policy Center, to offer 3-5 minutes of reflections on the afternoon conversation and implications for her work. Open discussion.
- 2:45** **Legacy 2030: What is needed to mobilize early childhood education policy leaders** to create the change needed in the coming decades for young children?
- Sharon Lynn Kagan to offer 3-5 minutes remarks on “What do we know for sure about leading policy change for young children”. Open Discussion.
- 3:15** **Closing Comments**
- Steve Barnett, Founder and Co-Director, NIEER
- 3:30** **MEETING CONCLUDES ~ SAFE TRAVELS**