

[Dr. Steven Barnett](#) leads study design and analyses. Dr. Barnett is an internationally recognized expert on early childhood policy and programs, their impacts on children and families, and their economic benefits and costs.

[Dr. Ellen Frede](#) directs research on leadership and climate and coordinates the overall direction of the study. Dr. Frede has extensive experience in early childhood education as a teacher, teacher educator, educational administrator, researcher, policy-maker and lead at a philanthropic foundation.

[Dr. Milagros Nores](#) leads sampling and design and contributes to analyses for child health and costs of quality, and manage data analyses. Dr. Nores has an in-depth understanding of early education programs, data-driven policy development, and economics, along with research experience in large-scale, culturally diverse early education systems.

[Dr. Allison Friedman-Krauss](#) contributes to overall planning and leads the health field work, and analyses of the health component for teachers and children. Dr. Friedman-Krauss brings extensive experience in early childhood research.

Dr. Manuel Jimenez will contribute on the health aspects of this work, particularly regarding the procedures and training for collection of anthropometric data and child and teacher salivary Cortisol.

[Carol Contreras](#) and [Andrea Kent](#) will be lead among project coordinators, with [Kaitlin Northey](#), and [Charlie Whitman](#) working closely with participating districts.