

2024 Virtual Public Policy Forum Agenda

Session times and some content subject to change.

Sunday, February 25

1:00-1:30 PM EST **Welcome and Introductions**

1:30-1:55 PM EST **Keynote Session**

Finding My People: Educators Share Their Journeys as Advocates and Leaders — *Nicole Lazarte, ACCA Child Development Center; Christina Lopez, Maryland Early Childhood Leadership Program/UMBC; and Jerletha McDonald, Arlington DFW Child Care Providers Association, with Michelle Kang, NAEYC*

1:55-2:25 PM EST **Plenary Session**

Making Progress and Creating Momentum: Celebrating and Discussing ECE State Policy Wins — *Allison Gilbreath, Voices for Virginia's Children; Ruth Schmidt, Wisconsin Early Childhood Association, with Julie Kashen, The Century Foundation*

2:25-2:30 PM EST **Break**

2:30-3:15 PM EST **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

Increasing Access to ECE Postsecondary Credentials: ECE Credit for Prior Learning Efforts — *Wilson Finch, Council for Adult and Experiential Learning; Tracy Huang, Moberly Area Community College; Tiffanie Kloida, Waukesha County Technical College; and Dena Castineau, Waukesha County Technical College; with Mary Harrill, NAEYC*

What to Do When Your State Wants to Deregulate — *Alexandra Patterson, Home Grown; Emily Barnes, Kansas Action for Children; with Maria Estlund, NAEYC*

Moving Forward: Building the Future of the Early Childhood Education Profession — *Shyrelle Eubanks, National Education Association; Bridget Barden, Shunk Family Child Care; Tamara Johnson, Malaika Early Learning Center; Debra Murphy, ACCESS; and Leah Austin, National Black Child Development Institute; with Lauren Hogan, NAEYC*

3:15-3:30 PM EST **Break**

3:30-4:30 PM EST **Plenary Session**

How to Talk to Today's Congress — *Daniel Hains, NAEYC; Sharon Walsh, DEC; Andrew Dunn, Office of Representative Suzanne Bonamici; Sarah Mueller, Senate HELP Committee; with Xiara Quinn, NAEYC Governing Board*

4:30-4:40 PM EST **Break**

4:40-5:00 PM EST **Closing**

Evening: State Team Zoom Meetings

Monday, February 26

1:00-1:20 PM EST **Welcome + Recap of Day 1**

1:20-2:05 PM EST **Keynote Session**

A Conversation with the Administration on the Inclusion of Children with Disabilities in Early Childhood Programs – *Katie Hamm, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Early Childhood Development, Department of Health and Human Services; Swati Adarkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Education, Department of Education; Glenna Wright-Gallo, Assistant Secretary, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education; with Maria-Isabel Ballivian, Executive Director, ACCA Child Development Center*

2:05-2:50 PM EST **Plenary Session**

Lifting Up Voices from the Field in Conversations about Inclusion – *Carrie Gillispie New America; Jessica Mauser, GAO; and Dr. Mary Beth Bruder, University of Connecticut; with Nadia Jones, NAEYC Governing Board*

2:50-3:20 PM EST **State Team Zoom Meetings**

3:20-3:25 PM EST **Break**

3:25-3:35 PM EST **Mindfulness and Breathwork Break with Zee Clark**

3:35-4:20 PM EST **Concurrent Breakout Sessions**

What Advocates and Educators Need to Know about Proposed Child Care Rule Changes – *Daniel Hains, NAEYC; Anne Hedgepeth, Child Care Aware of America; Yesy-Robles Brown, National Association for Family Child Care; Tiffany Ferrette, Center for Law and Social Policy*

A Deep Dive on the President's Executive Order on Care – *Mario Cardona, Domestic Policy Council*

Exploring CHIPS and Child Care Implementation – *Lea Woods, The Century Foundation; Eric Karolak, Action for Children*

4:20-4:50 PM EST **Plenary Session**

Make A Circle: Sneak Peak Clips of the Upcoming Film on the ECE Workforce, and Discussion with Filmmakers and Participants – *Jen Bradwell, Filmmaker; Patricia Moran, Creative Learning Center; Charlotte Guinn, Rose's Day Care; Anne Bauer, All People's School; with Daniel Hains, NAEYC*

4:50-5:00 PM EST **Closing + Transition to Week on the Hill**

Additionally, participants will have access to nearly a dozen hours of engaging on-demand content, with national and state experts covering a broad range of topics, including: journalists sharing their perspectives on covering child care and early learning; national organizations sharing new resources to advance and support your advocacy efforts; CACFP experts sharing collective efforts to advance child nutrition legislation; and budget experts providing a deep dive on the federal budget process.