

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 Kasher, 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 **Closing**

4:40-5:00 PM EST **Break for Evening State Team Zoom Meetings**

Monday, February 26

1:00–1:10 PM EST **Welcome + Recap of Day 1**

1:10–1:50 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*

1:50–2:35 PM EST **Plenary Session**

Lifting Up Voices from the Field in Conversations about Inclusion

— *Carrie Gillispie New America; Jessica Mauser, GAO; and Peggy Kemp, DEC; with Nadia Jones, NAEYC Governing Board*

2:35–3:20 PM EST **Plenary Session**

Telling the Stories of Early Childhood Education: Journalists Share Their Perspectives

— *Emily Tate Sullivan, EdSurge; Brigid Schulte, Better Life Lab; Chabeli Carrazana, the 19th; with Lauren Hogan, NAEYC*

3:20–3:30 PM EST **Mindfulness and Breathwork Break with Zee Clark**

3:30–3:35 PM EST **Break**

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; Christine Garza-Bell, President and Founder of Building Brilliant Beginnings and President of Indiana AEYC; with Lauren Hogan, NAEYC*

Exploring CHIPS and Child Care Implementation

— *Lea Woods, The Century Foundation; Eric Karolak, Action for Children*

4:20–4:25 PM EST **Break**

4:25–4:55 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*

4:55–5:00 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:

- › national organizations sharing new resources to advance and support your advocacy efforts
- › CACFP experts sharing collective efforts to advance child nutrition legislation
- › budget experts providing a deep dive on the federal budget process.

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