



## NAECS-SDE 2021 Roundtable

October 25<sup>th</sup> – October 27<sup>th</sup>

1pm-4pm ET

The goals of the virtual meeting are to:

- Strengthen partnerships across states in addressing issues faced by state specialists in the on-going pandemic environment.
- Increase awareness of best practices and successful strategies during the on-going pandemic, including with the influx of new federal funding.
- Explore topics useful to state leaders in ensuring equity for all children birth to through grade three, particularly during the time of a pandemic.
- Identify organizational needs and resources to support state leadership efforts during the on-going pandemic.

### **Monday, October 25:**

1:00 - 2:00 Plenary **NAECS-SDE Organizational Updates and Opening Plenary**

*Speaker:*

- **Katie Hamm**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development, Office of Early Childhood Development, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

2:00 - 3:00 Plenary **Supporting Educator and Child Well-being through Mental Health Supports and Trauma-Informed Practices**

*Moderator:*

- **Dr. Lise Fox**, Principal Investigator, The National Center for Pyramid Model Innovations

*Speakers:*

- **Dr. Kate Gallagher**, Director of Research and Evaluation, The Buffet Early Childhood Institute at the University of Nebraska
- **Dr. Kaitlin Mulcahy**, Associate Director, Center for Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health, Montclair State University
- **Julie Betchkal**, WI Pyramid Model Coordinator, Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health
- **Jenny Durand**, Pyramid Model Regional Lead, Wisconsin Alliance for Infant Mental Health

3:15 - 4:00 Breakouts **Facilitated Breakout Sessions**

4:00 – 4:30 Breakouts **Networking Happy Hour**



## **Tuesday, October 26:**

1:00 - 2:00 Plenary **Addressing Barriers and Promoting Opportunities for the Early Care and Education Workforce**

*Moderator:*

- **Albert Wat**, Senior Policy Director, Alliance for Early Success

*Speakers:*

- **Dr. Caitlin McLean**, Director of Multi-State and International Programs, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment
- **Dr. Kimberly Krzanowski**, Executive Director, Office of Early Learning, Delaware Department of Education
- **Taylor Dunn**, Director, Watershed Advisors

2:15 - 3:00 Breakouts **Facilitated Breakout Sessions**

3:00 - 4:00 Plenary **State of Preschool Yearbook Session**

*Speakers:*

- **Dr. Steve Barnett**, Senior Co-Director, NIEER
- **GG Weisenfeld**, Assistant Research Professor, NIEER
- **Allison Krauss**, Assistant Research Professor, NIEER
- **Lisa Nugent**, Early Learning Coordinator, Rhode Island Department of Education
- **Leanne Barrett**, Senior Policy Analyst, Rhode Island Kids Count

4:00 – 4:30 Breakouts **Networking Happy Hour**



## **Wednesday, October 27:**

1:00 - 2:00 Plenary **Making Strategic Decisions to Advance Equity in Early Care and Education**

*Moderator:*

- **Jeffrey Capizzano**, *President, The Policy Equity Group*

*Speakers:*

- **Dr. Shantel Meek**, *Founding Director, Children's Equity Project, Arizona State University*
- **Melissa Sutton**, *Program Coordinator, A-State Childhood Services, Arkansas State University*
- **Dr. Nicol Russel**, *Vice President of Implementation Research, Teaching Strategies*
- **Meghan McCormick**, *Senior Associate, Family Well-Being and Children's Development, MDRC*

2:15 - 3:00 Breakouts **Facilitated Breakout Session**

3:00 - 4:00 Plenary **Closing Plenary: A Call to Action with Miriam Calderon**

*Speakers:*

- **Miriam Calderon**, *Deputy Assistant Secretary, Early Learning, U.S. Department of Education*

4:00 – 4:30 Breakouts **Networking Happy Hour**