



NASLEE 2022 Virtual Roundtable

October 24th – October 26th
1pm-4pm ET

The goals of the virtual meeting are to:

- Strengthen partnerships across states in addressing issues faced by state leaders in the current constrained environments of state government.
- Increase awareness of best practices and successful strategies state leaders can utilize.
- Explore topics useful to state leaders in ensuring equity for all children birth to through grade three, particularly during this challenging climate.
- Identify organizational needs and resources to support state leadership efforts.

Pre-Conference Events:

NASLEE New Member Orientation

Join NASLEE's Executive Leadership Team and Partners to hear more about the association, member benefits, and ways to get involved. All members are welcome!

Monday, October 24th | 11:00am – 12:00pm EDT

Unveiling NASLEE's Strategic Plan

NASLEE's Executive Leadership Team will present the association's new strategic plan and lead a conversation with members on implementation. All members are welcome!

Tuesday, October 25th | 11:00am – 12:00pm EDT

NASLEE Business Meeting

NASLEE's Executive Leadership Team will share important association updates, including amendments to the association by-laws, and plans for next year. This session is for full members, but affiliate and associate members are welcome to listen in.

Wednesday, October 26th | 11:00am – 12:00pm EDT



Monday, October 24:

1:00 - 2:00 Plenary **Federal Opportunities and Systems Alignment**

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Speakers:

- **Katie Hamm**, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development, Office of Early Childhood Development, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
- **Swati Adarkar**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Early Learning, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education
- **Christy Kavulic**, Association Division Director – Early Childhood Team, Office of Special Education Programs, US Department of Education
- **Beth Caron**, Social Science Analyst, Office of Head Start, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

2:00 - 3:00 Plenary **Aligning Systems at the State and Local Level**

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Moderator:

- **David Jacobson**, Principal Researcher and Technical Advisor, Education Development Center (EDC)

Speakers:

- **Nasha Patel**, Managing Director, Watershed Advisors
- **Lindsey Allard Agnamba**, CEO, School Readiness Consulting
- **Judy Reidt-Parker**, Director, Early Childhood Systems Consulting, Start Early
- **Dayna Jung**, Preschool Promise Manager, Early Learning Division, Oregon Department of Education

3:00 - 4:00 Plenary **Infusing Equity into State ECE Systems**

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- **Iheoma Iruka**, Founding Director, Equity Research Action Coalition

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



Tuesday, October 25:

1:00 - 2:00 Plenary

Systemic Improvements to Address the Early Childhood Workforce Crisis

Moderator:

- **Nicol Russell**, *Vice President of Implementation Research, Teaching Strategies*

Speakers:

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- **Caitlin McLean**, *Director of Multi-State and International Programs, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment*
- **Mina Hong**, *Director, Early Childhood Systems Consulting, Start Early*
- **Jani Kozlowski**, *Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute*

2:00 - 3:00 Concurrent Sessions

Session 1: Workforce Session Breakout: Wage Scales

Speakers:

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- **Jessica Teng**, *Assistant Director, Early Childhood Systems Consulting, Start Early*
- **Andi Bales Molnar**, *Professional Learning System Specialist, Early Learning Division, Oregon Department of Education*
- **Hailey Heinz**, *Deputy Director and Senior Research Scientist, Cradle to Career Policy Institute, The University of New Mexico*
- **BB Otero**, *President, Otero Strategy Group, Washington, D.C.*

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Session 2: PreK Data Equity Framework

Speakers:

- **Dale Richards**, *Senior Research Scientist, Child Trends*
- **Joy Thompson**, *Research Scientist, Child Trends*
- **Ja'Chelle Ball**, *Research Assistant, Child Trends*



3:00 - 4:00 Plenary **Innovations in ECE Funding and Sustainability**

Moderator:

- **Elizabeth Gaines**, *Founder & CEO, Children's Funding Project*

Speakers:

- **Molly Sullivan**, *Director of National Initiatives, First Children's Finance*
- **Theresa Hawley**, *Executive Director, Center for Early Learning Funding Equity, Northern Illinois University*
- **Ariel Ford**, *Director, Division of Child Development and Early Education, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services*

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Wednesday, October 26:

1:00 - 2:00 Plenary **State of Preschool Yearbook Session**

Speakers:

- **Steve Barnett**, *Senior Co-Director, NIEER*
- **Allison Friedman-Krauss**, *Assistant Research Professor, NIEER*
- **GG Weisenfeld**, *Assistant Research Professor, NIEER*
- **Kathryn Kigera**, *Director of Quality Initiatives, Division of Early Learning, D.C. Office of the State Superintendent of Education*
- **Pamela Truelove-Walker**, *Senior Director, Early Learning and Early Education, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education*

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2:00 - 3:00 Concurrent Sessions **A Conversation about PreK, TK, and Kindergarten – Where are we and where are we headed?**

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- **Allison Friedman-Krauss**, *Assistant Research Professor, NIEER*
- **GG Weisenfeld**, *Assistant Research Professor, NIEER*
- **Laura Bornfreund**, *Senior Fellow and Advisor on Early and Elementary Education, New America*

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Session 2: Building Equitable Systems Begins with Infants and Toddlers – A Look at Local Level Successes

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- **Arabella Pluta-Ehlers**, *Program Manager, Children, Youth and Families, National Association of Counties*
- **Jammie Albert**, *Program Manager for Early Childhood Success, Institute for Youth Education, and Families, National League of Cities*

3:00 - 4:00 Plenary **NASLEE Veteran Panel – What I Wish I Knew About Working in State Government**

Moderator:

- **Jim Squires**, *Former Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, CEELO – Former State Leader in Vermont*

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Speakers:

- **Jacqueline Jones**, *Former Early Childhood Researcher and Policymaker – Former State Leader in New Jersey*
- **Noel Kelty**, *Assistant Professor, Saginaw Valley State University – Former State Leader in Michigan*
- **Tracy Zimmerman**, *Vice President, Policy and Communications, Neimand Collaborative -- Former State Leader in North Carolina*

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