Together Again: NASLEE 2023 Roundtable
October 11-13, 2023 / Bethesda, MD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 am
Bethesda A/B
Breakfast

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Bethesda A/B
STEP Forward with Data Framework: A New Tool for Data-Driven Preschool Leaders
Presenters:
- Dale Richards, Senior Research Scientist, Child Trends
- Van Kim Lin, Senior Research Scientist, Child Trends
- Shana Rochester, Research Scientist, Child Trends
Facilitators:
- Rebecca Davis, Senior Advisor, Delivery Associates
- Ivan Markovic, Project Leader, Delivery Associates

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Bethesda A/B
Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Bethesda A/B
STEP Forward with Data Framework: A New Tool for Data-Driven Preschool Leaders
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2:45 pm - 3:00 pm
Bethesda A/B
Break

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm
Bethesda A/B
Developing Policies that Enhance Learning for Multilingual Learners – Building the Workforce in a Continuous Improvement System
- Dr. Alexandra Figueras-Daniel, Research Assistant Professor and Bilingual ECE Senior Policy Specialist, NIEER
- Dr. Ellen Frede, Senior Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)
- Dr. Lisa Roy, Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm
Bethesda A/B
What’s New with NASLEE?
Presenters:
- Robin Wilkins, NASLEE President, Education Program Development Specialist, New Jersey Department of Education
- Dawn Kalkman, NASLEE Vice President, Education Consultant, Michigan Department of Education
- Nicole Madore, NASLEE Treasurer, Early Childhood Specialist, Maine Department of Education
- Dr. Noel Kelty, NASLEE Past President, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education at Saginaw Valley State University
- Mandy Sorge, Executive Director, NASLEE

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Off Site
Teaching Strategies Welcome Reception
Location: 4500 East-West Highway #300 / Bethesda, Maryland
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

7:30 am – 8:30 am Breakfast
Bethesdan

8:30 am – 9:00 am Welcome Remarks from NASLEE
Bethesdan A/B

Speakers:

- Robin Wilkins, NASLEE President, Education Program Development Specialist, New Jersey Department of Education
- Dawn Kalkman, NASLEE Vice President, Education Consultant, Michigan Department of Education
- Mandy Sorge, Executive Director, NASLEE

9:00 am – 10:15 am The Science of Reading in the Context of the Whole Child
Bethesdan A/B

Moderator: Dr. Nicol Russell, Vice President, Implementation Research, Teaching Strategies

Panelists:

- Winona Hao, Director of Early Learning, National Association of State Boards of Education
- Dr. Jill Dent, Director, Office of Early Childhood, Mississippi Department of Education
- Dr. Kara Ahmed, Deputy Chancellor of Early Childhood Education, New York City Public Schools
- Sarah Parks-Reese, Assistant Director of Kindergarten Readiness, Indiana Department of Education

10:15 am - 10:30 am Break

10:30 am - 11:30 am Breakout 1: How Can State Early Education Leaders Promote Coherent P-3 Early Literacy Policy
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- Lori Connors-Tadros, Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)
- Rolf Grafwallner, Program Director, Council of Chief State School Officers
- John Pruette, Senior Policy Consultant, EducationCounsel

Rosedale Breakout 2: New Research on Enrollment, Workforce, Measurement, and Outcomes: What does it mean for you?

- Dr. Steve Barnett, Senior Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)
- Dr. Allison Friedman-Krauss, Assistant Research Professor, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)

Cordell Breakout 3: Competencies for Leading Equitable and Inclusive Early Childhood Systems

- Sherri Britt Williams, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), University of North Carolina
- Catasha Williams, Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), University of North Carolina
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 (continued....)

11:30 am - 12:00 pm
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NASLEE Leadership Academy Information Session
- Lori Connors-Tadros, Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)

12:00 pm - 12:15 pm
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SRCD Fellowship Information Session
- Jennifer Brooks, Senior Impact Advisor, JLBrooks Consulting

12:15 pm – 1:15 pm
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Lunch

1:15 pm – 2:30 pm
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Lessons Learned from Universal PreK Expansion: Considerations for States
Moderator: Dr. Steve Barnett, Senior Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)
Panelists:
- Sarah Neville-Morgan, Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Opportunities for All Branch, California Department of Education
- Bill Buchanan, Early Learning Advisor, Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL), Kentucky Department of Education
- Janet Bock-Hager, Pre-K Coordinator, Office of Teaching and Learning, West Virginia Department of Education
- Richard Lower, Director, Office of Preschool and Out-of School Time Learning, Michigan Department of Education

2:30 pm - 3:15 pm
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Developmentally Appropriate Kindergarten as a Sturdy Bridge for Young Children
- Swati Adarkar, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Early Learning, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education
- Laura Bornfreund, Senior Fellow and Advisor, Elementary Education Program, New America

3:15 pm - 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm - 4:30 pm
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Breakout 1: State(s) of ECE: Preschool, Head Start, and Early Childhood Special Education Landscapes
- Dr. Allison Friedman-Krauss, Assistant Research Professor, National Institute for Early Education Research

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Breakout 2: Reimagining Instructional Coaching: Developing Observation Tools to Support Instructional Coaching in Pre-K Classrooms
- Sarah Gerard, Education Researcher, Center for Learning and Development, SRI Education
- Todd Grindal, Associate Director, Center for Learning and Development, SRI Education
- Krystal Thomas, Senior Education Researcher, Center for Learning and Development, SRI Education

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Breakout 3: Nurturing All Children in Nature
- Chrisanne Gayl, Co-Director & Chief Strategy and Policy Officer, Trust for Learning
- Aliza Yair, Child Care Licensing QA/CQI Manager, Washington Department of Children, Youth and Families
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 (continued…..)

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Bethesdan Hotel Bar
Kaplan Reception

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Off Site
Scholastic Light Award Dinner
Location: Morton’s Steakhouse, 7400 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

7:30 am – 8:30 am
Bethesdan A/B
Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:45 am
Bethesdan A/B
Workforce Innovations in Early Childhood State Systems: What’s New and What’s Next?
Moderator: Dr. Chrishana Lloyd, Co-Director, The National Early Care and Education Workforce Center, Child Trends
Presenters:
- Tonya Coston, Co-Director, The National Early Care and Education Workforce Center, The BUILD Initiative
- Tara Dwyer, Registered Apprenticeship Programs Director, Early Care and Education Pathways to Success
- Kim Krzanowski, Executive Director, Early Childhood Innovation Center, Delaware State University
- Dr. Amber Shelton, Education Associate, Office of Early Learning, Delaware Department of Education
- Sara Mead, Deputy Superintendent of Early Learning, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Washington, D.C.

9:45 am - 10:00 am
Break

10:00 am - 11:00 am
Bethesdan A/B
Breakout 1: Apprenticeships for the ECE Workforce
- Tara Dwyer, Registered Apprenticeship Programs Director, Early Care and Education Pathways to Success

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Breakout 2: Systems Thinking for State Early Childhood Leaders
- Tracy Merriman Jost, Early Childhood Education Policy Specialist, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)
- Jana Martella, Associate NASLEEE Member
- Heather Lucas, Education Consultant, Office of Great Start, Preschool and Out-of-School Learning, Michigan Department of Education

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Breakout 3: Equity Audit: Helping State Leaders Assess Equity in Their Systems, Practices, and Outcomes
- Sherri Britt Williams, Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), University of North Carolina
- Catasha Williams, Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), University of North Carolina
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023 (continued...)

11:00 am - 11:55 am  Envisioning State Governance Systems that Work for Children and Families
Bethesdan A/B
● Jeffrey Capizzano, President and Founder, Policy Equity Group
● Adrienne Fischer, Senior Policy Analyst, Education Commission of the States

11:55 am - 12:00 pm  NASLEE Closing Remarks
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12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Lunch
Bethesdan A/B

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