



What Can States Do to Ensure Young Children Thrive?

Joint Fellows Convening

Child Welfare · Early Childhood · Youth Homelessness

Content Session Resources

Below find relevant resources related to most of the sessions during our second meeting. [Access the full agenda online.](#)

Tuesday, Sept. 13 | Day 2

Joint Opening Plenary: Putting Money to Work for Children and Families

Speaker: **Elizabeth Gaines**, founder and CEO, Children's Funding Project

[PowerPoint presentation](#) (34 slides)

Resources:

- Fiscal mapping resources:
 - [Funding our Kids 101: Understanding Fiscal Mapping](#)
 - [A map of all existing fiscal maps, including links to final products](#)
 - *Note:* You can check to see if the state you represent is in CFP's 15-state fiscal mapping cohort (See a full list of these states in attached deck). Reach out to elizabeth@childrensfundingproject.org to get plugged in or if you want to get your state in a future round of this cohort.
- Cost modeling resources:
 - [Funding our Kids 101: Understanding Cost Modeling](#)
 - Attached is a Cost Model Tracker (Excel file) that compiles all existing state and local cost models and additional cost modeling resources and tools.
- [Funding Our Future: Generating State and Local Tax Revenue for Quality Early Care and Education](#) | This paper, written in partnership, introduces seven state and local tax policy areas for consideration for expanded public investment in children and youth. Written for an Early Care and Education audience.
- [LA Early Childhood Incentive Fund and MD Digital Advertising Tax](#) | Here are some interesting examples of financing work in states.
- [American Rescue Plan Database](#) | See a snapshot of all American Rescue Plan Dollars flowing to your state and each of its cities, counties, towns, school districts and higher education institutions. On the last page of the database, you will find an examples tracker that showcases ARPA funding uses for children and youth around the country.

Deep Dive into Early Childhood Funding: What's the True Cost of Care?

Speaker: **Elizabeth Gaines**, founder and CEO, Children's Funding Project

[PowerPoint presentation](#) (20 slides)

Resources:

- Children's Funding Project resources noted above
- [Prenatal-to-Five Fiscal Strategies](#) | This organization was created to support the development of a

comprehensive prenatal to five system. On the website, you'll find resources, including fiscal modeling and governance resources, along with archives of webinars on the topics.

Numbers, Numbers, Numbers: Why Data Matters for Early Childhood Systems Delivery

Speakers: **Carlise King**, executive director, Early Childhood Data Collaborative at Child Trends; **Heather Rouse**, Ph.D., assistant professor, human development and family studies, Iowa State University

[PowerPoint presentation](#) (44 slides)

Resources:

- Child Trends [Early Childhood Data Collaborative](#) | This organization promotes data-driven decision making to improve early childhood program quality, early childhood workforce quality, access to high-quality early childhood programs and child outcomes.
 - [Using Integrated Data to Increase Equitable Access to Early Childhood Programs](#) | This infographic offers policymakers and leaders recommendations for integrating data on early childhood programs.
 - [Integrated Data Can Help States Better Respond To and Recover From Crises Like COVID-19](#) | This article highlights advantages of having an integrated data system in order to access reliable and continuous data about early childhood services during and after a crisis to best support children and families.
- [i2d2: Iowa's Integrated Data System for Decision Making](#) | The i2d2 is a system of stakeholders that collaborates around comprehensive systematic data regarding Iowa's children and families to understand community needs, identify service gaps and assess service implementation.

High-Quality Prekindergarten: What is it, and how can it be achieved?

Speakers: **Anna K. Shapiro**, Ph.D., research scientist, University of Virginia, School of Education and Human Development; **Albert Wat**, senior policy director, Alliance for Early Success

[PowerPoint presentation](#) (29 slides)

Resources:

- Partnership for Pre-K Improvement [Developing and Sustaining High-Quality, Equitable State Pre-K Systems](#) | This report summarizes lessons learned and recommendations from a 5-year project with Oregon, Tennessee and Washington focused on systematically improving prekindergarten program quality.
- National Institute for Early Education Research
 - [Cost of Preschool Quality & Revenue calculator](#) | This is a free Excel-based tool to help users determine costs and funding sources related to implementing high-quality preschool programs.
 - [Annual State of Preschool Yearbook](#) | This resource tracks state-funded preschool program funding, access and policies every year since the 2001-2002 school year.

Colorado Case Study: How One State Is Revamping Its Early Childhood System

Speakers: **Alethea Gomez** director of programs and initiatives, Executives Partnering to Invest in Children; **Tom Massey**, co-chair, executive subcommittee of the Early Childhood Leadership Commission; **Dawn Odean**, director, Colorado Universal Preschool Program; **Lisa Roy**, Ed.D., executive director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood; **Rep. Emily Sirota** (D-Colo.); **Jennifer Stedron**, Ph.D., executive director, Early Milestones Colorado

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Resources:

- [Colorado Department of Early Childhood](#) | Enacted legislatively in 2021 by [H1304](#), the new department will create and oversee a unified early childhood system and oversee all early care and education programs.
 - Outlined in [H22-1295](#), the voter-approved Colorado Universal Preschool Program will provide at least 10 hours of voluntary preschool to every child in Colorado child in the year prior to kindergarten eligibility beginning in the 2023-24 school year. It is a mixed delivery program, allowing parents to select the licensed school-based, community-based or home-based preschool program of their choice. Additional state-funded hours of care will be available to children who meet qualifying factors.
- [Executives Partnering to Invest in Children \(EPIC\)](#) | This network of business leaders is committed to a future where supporting families and children is a pathway to business success and economic growth. It includes advocates for family-friendly workplaces and policies to ensure that children are receiving the quality child care and education they need to reach their potential while enabling their parents to thrive in the workplace. Read more about the [Building Up Initiative](#) and it's support for [child care](#) in Colorado.
- [Colorado's Early Childhood Leadership Commission](#) | This is Colorado's federally-authorized state advisory council for early childhood. The role of the Commission is to be a statewide leader, subject matter expert and champion of best and promising practices throughout the state.
- [Early Milestones Colorado](#) | This is a Colorado-based organization that advances practice, research and policy so that every community can provide an environment where children will flourish.

Wednesday, Sept. 14 | Day 3

Home Visitation: Come on In and Take a Closer Look

Speakers: **Allison Mosqueda**, program director, Nurse-Family Partnership for Invest in Kids;

Marisa Gullicksrud, program director, Child First Program for Invest in Kids

PowerPoint presentation (31 slides)

Resources:

- [National Home Visiting Resource Center Annual Home Visiting Yearbook](#)
- [Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program \(MIECHV\) letter of support from Wisconsin state legislators](#)
- [Jackie Walorski Maternal and Child Home Visiting Reauthorization Act of 2022](#) | This legislation reauthorizes MIECHV for five years, increasing the annual funding level to \$800 million in 2027 and providing increased investment in home visiting in every state and territory. It also updates program policies to provide an even stronger focus on improving outcomes for families and to provide clarity and stability for successful state and territorial programs. Read a [one-page overview of the current bill as of Sept. 2022](#).
- NCSL letter of support for MIECHV | This letter is forthcoming and will be shared shortly with you.

Warren Village Site Visit: Two-Generation Strategies at Work

Resources:

- [Warren Village](#) | Through a two-generation approach, Warren Village provides opportunities and comprehensive resources to empower families to change their life trajectories. Their holistic approach includes safe and affordable housing, parent services and advocacy and early education and child care.
 - How is Warren Village Funded? Housing is primarily funded through the HAP Section 8 voucher program. The early learning center is funded through several tuition reimbursement programs including CCCAP, CO Preschool Program, Denver Preschool Program, Head Start and the USDA nutrition program with a smaller amount from parent tuition payments and contributed donations. Self-sufficiency work is funded through contributed revenue from foundations, corporations, individuals and grants.
 - [State Legislators from Across the Country Converge at a Denver Nonprofit](#) | Read the Rocky Mountain PBS article highlighting NCSL's Sept. 14 visit to the facility, including quotes from two Child Welfare Fellows.
- [Family Promise](#) | This organization works to prevent and end family homelessness by providing prevention services prior to crises, shelter when families become homeless and stabilization programs once they have secured housing to maintain independence. There are over 200 Family Promise [Affiliates](#) located throughout the country.

Reflections, Next Steps and How NCSL Can Support You

Facilitators: Alison May, NCSL; Melissa Mincic, NCSL; Jennifer Palmer, NCSL

[PowerPoint presentation](#) (12 slides)

Resources:

- Based on information included on your 'priorities' handout, NCSL will send you targeted information over the next month.
- Remember, we are here for YOU. Reach out with any policy question. If you are interested in inviting any NCSL or external experts you heard during the fellows program to present to colleagues and committee members in your state, let us know. We'd love to visit you and your capital!

Joint Lunch and Closing Plenary: Up and Down the Prevention Continuum

Speaker: **Melissa Merrick**, Ph.D., president and CEO, Prevent Child Abuse America

[PowerPoint presentation](#) (18 slides)

Resources from Prevent Child Abuse America:

- [2022 Federal Policy Agenda](#)
- [2022 State Public Policy Strategies](#)
- [Adverse Childhood Experiences \(ACEs\) handout](#)
- [Building Better Childhoods Video](#)

Closing Ceremony: You're Awesome, but Now What?

Speaker: **Tim Storey**, CEO, NCSL

Resources:

- [NCSL Base Camp 2022](#) | Online, Nov. 15-16
- [NCSL Forecast '23 Preparing for Legislative Sessions](#) | San Diego, Dec. 5-7

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