



Annual Early Childhood Education Summit: Supporting Today's Workforce For Tomorrow

Wednesday, May 18 | 9:30 -11:30 AM CT

9:30 – 9:35 AM

Welcome Remarks

Texas Representative Angie Chen Button (District 112), Chair, House Committee on International Relations and Economic Development

9:35-9:50 AM

Expounding Impact: The Challenges Facing the ECE Workforce

Kim Kofron, Director, Early Childhood Education, CHILDREN AT RISK

9:50-10:10 AM

Panel Discussion: The Early Childhood Workforce

Moderator: Makia Thomas, Associate Director, Early Childhood Education, CHILDREN AT RISK

Higher Education & Articulation: Cody Summerville, Executive Director, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children

Compensation: Krista Olson, Research and Policy Associate, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, UC Berkeley

Building the Pipeline: Marica Cox Mitchell, Senior Director, Early Learning, Bainum Family Foundation

10:15-10:45 AM

Deep Dive: Breakout Room Sessions with Expert Panelists

Room 1 - Higher Education & Articulation: *Cody Summerville*

Rania Salman EdD, Associate Professor and Assistant Department Chair, Child Care and Development, Austin Community College

Catherine O'Brien, Lecturing Professor, Texas A&M San Antonio and Vice President of Advocacy and Public Policy, TXAEOYC

Sharla Snider PhD, Professor and Interim Chair, Texas Woman's University

Jennifer Quong, PhD, Visiting Assistant Professor, Department of Literacy and Learning, Texas Woman's University

Room 2 - Compensation:

Krista Olson, Research and Policy Associate, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment, UC Berkeley

Room 3 - Building the Pipeline:

Marica Cox Mitchell, Senior Director, Early Learning, Bainum Family Foundation

10:45-10:55 AM

Lightening-Round Debrief: Breakout Rooms

Facilitator: Makia Thomas, Associate Director, ECE, CHILDREN AT RISK

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10:55-11:25 AM

A Not-So-Distant Future: The Impact of Inaction

Moderator: Kolby Monnig, State Director, TX, Council for A Strong America
Jim Spurlino, President and CEO, Spurlino Materials, CSA Board, PN3 Policy Impact Center

Nancy Fishman, National Director, Ready Nation

Leila Melendez, CEO, Workforce Solutions Borderplex

11:25-11:30 AM

Closing Remarks

Aaron Demerson, Commissioner Representing Employers, Texas Workforce
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