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Early Childhood Education Summit

May 11, 2023 | 10:00AM CT

Agenda

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10:00 – 10:03AM — Welcome Remarks

- [Kim Kofron](#) – Director of Early Childhood Education, CHILDREN AT RISK

10:04 – 10:14AM — Child Care Deserts

- [Christine Thomas](#) – Sr. Associate Director of the Center for Social Measurement and Evaluation, CHILDREN AT RISK

10:15 – 10:45AM — Paving a New Path Forward

The 88th Legislative Session in Texas convened January 10, 2023. We entered the session with many hopes for policies to support the sustainability of early childhood education programs. In this session, you will receive an update on how far our bill proposals traveled and what steps are needed in the final weeks of session to end this advocacy season.

- [Mandi Kimball](#) – Vice President and Director of Public Policy and Government Affairs, CHILDREN AT RISK
- [Jason Sabo](#) – Founder, Frontera Strategies
- [Kim Kofron](#) – Director of Early Childhood Education, CHILDREN AT RISK

10:46 – 11:16AM — Elevating Lived Experiences: Empowering Families as Organizational Leaders

Leveraging resources and developing programs that fit into the desires of today's parents is a current aspiration of many advocacy groups today. This session introduces us to three distinct models of family engagement and highlights the shifts made to center the family within organizational programming.

- [Dr. Olga Martinez Hickman, Ph.D.](#) – Executive Director, Bachman Lake Together
- [Jennifer Johnson](#) – President, Project One Day
- [Trey Oglesby](#) – Director of Family Enrichment Services, Children's Advocacy Center of Greater West Texas
 - Moderated by [Troy Bush-DiDonato](#) – Senior Community Engagement Officer, Episcopal Health Foundation

11:17 – 11:47AM — Addressing Child Care at the Local, State and National Levels: Next Steps for Providers and Advocates

Early childhood education providers join us to share the latest innovations, the most difficult challenges and the biggest opportunities for the early learning sector of Texas.

- [BritTanya Brown](#) – CEO & Owner, Our Loving Village LLC
- [Diane Girouard](#) – State Policy Senior Analyst, Child Care Aware of America
- [LJ Henderson](#) – STEM Product Developer & Founder, Little STEM Academy
- [Madison Mattise](#) – Director of Pre-K Partnerships, United Way for Greater Austin
 - Moderated by [Cody Somerville](#) – Executive Director, Texas Association for the Education of Young Children

11:48 AM – 11:50AM — Closing Remarks

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