



2023 Education Summit

Educational Pathways to Progress: Celebrating Diversity, Promoting Access, and Empowering Leaders

September 21, 2023 | 10:00 AM -12:30 PM CT

10:00 – 10:10 AM

Welcome & Opening Remarks

Emcee – **Dr. Bob Sanborn**, President & CEO, CHILDREN AT RISK

Dr. Frazier Wilson, VP, Shell USA Company Foundation and Manager, Workforce Development & Diversity Outreach, Shell USA, Inc.

Inclusive Education: Bridging Gaps and Promoting Equity for Students with Disabilities

Description: This panel will delve into the educational gaps and explore strategies to ensure equity and inclusion for students with disabilities. Expert speakers will discuss the challenges faced by these students and highlight effective approaches to address their unique needs.

10:11 – 10:36 AM

Moderated by **Sharon Watkins Jones**, Director of Texas Business Engagement at Public Private Strategies

Andreya Sampy, MA, LSSP, School Psychologist/ District Level Educational Leader

Dr. Natalie D. Hudson, Executive Director of Special and Diverse Learners, Varnett Public Schools and Adjunct Professor of Special Education, Houston Christian University

Anne Kelsey, Policy Analyst for Disability Rights, Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights

A Conversation with Mike Miles, HISD Superintendent

10:37 – 11:02 AM

Moderated by **Dr. Bob Sanborn**, President & CEO, CHILDREN AT RISK

Mike Miles, Superintendent of Schools, Houston ISD

Teacher Workforce and Retention: Strategies for Recruiting, Supporting, and Retaining Quality Educators

Description: This conversation will address the challenges and solutions related to teacher workforce and retention. Expert speakers will discuss strategies for attracting high-quality educators, providing ongoing support and professional development, and creating positive working environments that contribute to teacher satisfaction and retention. Participants will gain insights into innovative recruitment practices, mentoring and induction programs, and the importance of work-life balance in sustaining a resilient and dedicated teaching workforce.

11:03 – 11:28 AM

Moderated by **Susannah Young**, Academic Performance Coach, Texas A+ Challenge, C@R

Dr. Gregory S. Prince, Jr. Senior Consultant, Pathways to College and Former President, Hampshire College

Hector Bojorquez, Director of Operations and Educational Practice, Intercultural Development Research Association

Jonathan Feinstein, State Director for Texas, Education Trust

Shirley Appelman, Senior Adviser, Bellwether

Supporting At-Risk Students: The Role of Wraparound Service Providers

Description: This conversation will explore the various factors that put students at risk and the essential support systems needed for their success. Panelists will highlight wraparound service providers who play a crucial role in addressing students' comprehensive needs, including social, emotional, and academic support. Experts will discuss effective collaboration between service providers, teachers, and administrators to create a holistic support system.

11:29 – 11:54 AM Moderated by **Claire Dutreix**, Sr. Associate Director, K-12 Education, CHILDREN AT RISK

Byron Sanders, CEO, Big Thought

Shubhra Endley, LCSW-S Director of Mental Health and Wellness, Communities in Schools

Dr. Twyla Williams, Executive Director of Counseling Crisis & Mental Health, AISD

Brianna Harris, Manager, Child Poverty Action Lab

Navigating Cultures, Languages, and Success: The Emergent Bilingual and Immigrant Experience in Texas Public Education

Description: This panel will shed light on the unique challenges and opportunities faced by emergent bilinguals and immigrant students in the Texas public education system. Expert speakers will delve into the multifaceted aspects of their educational journey, exploring the intersection of language acquisition, cultural adaptation, and academic success. Attendees will gain insights into effective instructional strategies, inclusive classroom practices, and supportive policies that foster the educational advancement and empowerment of these students. The conversation will emphasize the importance of cultural sensitivity, equitable access to resources, and the recognition of linguistic and cultural diversity as assets within the educational landscape of Texas public schools.

11:55 – 12:20 PM Moderated by **Gina Martinez**, Regional Director El Paso / Texas Border, CHILDREN AT RISK

Dr. Lupita Hinojosa, Superintendent, Spring ISD

Maria Silva, Director of Academic Language Services, Canutillo ISD

Adrian Yam, Interim Sr. Early Head Start/Head Start Director, Baker Ripley

Closing

12:20 – 12:30 PM

Closing Remarks

Dr. Bob Sanborn, President & CEO, CHILDREN AT RISK

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