

## **Session # 2**

**A Prescription for Playful Learning: The role of museums and libraries in reducing the experience gap for children 0-5 years of age.**

**Jeri Robinson, VP for Education and Family Learning, Boston Children's Museum**

**Tom Weber, Interim Commissioner of the Department of Early Education and Care**

This session featured the current work of the MA Department of Early Care and Education and Boston Children's Museum as they collaborate on the Race to Top – Early Learning Challenge Grant with Museums and Libraries across the Commonwealth. Tom Weber, Interim Commissioner of the Department of Early Education and Care and Jeri Robinson, VP Education and Family Learning of the Boston Children's Museum posed these questions:

- How do we raise the awareness of and support parents in the role of their child's first teacher?
- How do we encourage parents to visit Museums and Libraries where they can build their confidence while learning and practicing new skills and activities they can repeat at home?
- Museums and libraries are poised to deliver rich early learning experiences for families with young children; however, accessibility and affordability barriers often prevent MA families from fully connecting with these institutions.
- What will it take to fully implement a "Prescription for Playful Learning" for the entire Commonwealth's children and families?