

Early Childhood Summit 2013: Innovation and Opportunity

The Early Childhood Summit 2013 will bring together neuroscientists, pediatricians, educators, business and museum professionals, and policymakers to develop a broad partnership dedicated to improving the outcomes of all children entering kindergarten. Keynote speeches and facilitated, small discussion groups will focus on the following goals:

1) To improve the outcomes of all children entering kindergarten by:

- informing interventions with the latest advances in the science of early brain and child development;
- sharing best practices and accelerating the application of innovative approaches to buffer toxic stress;
- supporting caregiver capacity, encouraging play and joyful discovery in children and promoting organizational skills in work with caregivers;
- and
- improving broad public awareness of these advances, examining implications for public policy and developing a broad coalition of interested parties that will work together to implement these policies.

2) To best support the whole child by breaking down silos between health and education, both budgetary and professional.

3) To engage the Massachusetts business community in investing wisely to support human capital development and remaining competitive by building an educated work force for the future.

April 5, 2013

7:30 am *Registration and Coffee (1st floor, Gallery)*

Wi-fi Access in the Federal Reserve Bank for this conference only.

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8:00 am **Welcome: Michael Yogman**, MD, Chair of the Board, Boston Children's Museum, and Executive Board, Massachusetts Chapter of the Academy of Pediatrics

Early Childhood and Economic Development: Eric Rosengren, President and CEO, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Greetings: Governor Deval Patrick; Paul Grogan, President, The Boston Foundation; **Michael K. Durkin**, President and CEO, United Way of Massachusetts Bay and Merrimack Valley

8:45 am **Driving Science-Based Innovation to Strengthen the Foundations of Lifelong Learning, Behavior and Health: Jack P. Shonkoff**, MD, Director, Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University

9:45 am **Using Executive Functioning Frameworks to Improve Family Economic Mobility: Elisabeth D. Babcock**, MCRP, PhD, Crittenton Women's Union

10:15 am *Coffee Break (1st floor, Gallery)*

10:30 am **Neighborhood Supports for Early Childhood: John F. Barros**, Executive Director, Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative

11:00 am **The Joy of Discovery and the Power of Play: Carole Charnow**, President and CEO, Boston Children's Museum; **Michael Yogman**, MD, Chair of the Board, Boston Children's Museum

11:45 am *Buffet Lunch (4th floor)*

1:00 pm **Panel of Boston Business Leaders: JD Chesloff** (moderator), Executive Director, Massachusetts Business Roundtable; **John Fish**, Chairman and CEO, Suffolk Construction; **Marcy Reed**, President, National Grid; **Tom Leighton**, CEO, Akamai Technologies; **Charles Rizzo**, Principal Financial Officer and Chief Financial Officer, John Hancock Funds; **Sara Watson**, Executive Vice President, America's Promise (*1st floor, Auditorium*)

2:15 pm **Cross-Sector Innovation Sessions**

1. **Digital Media and Child Development: Christine Zanchi**, Executive Producer, WGBH; **Shelley Pasnik**, Director, Center for Children and Technology and Vice President, Education Development Center. Facilitator: Linda Markarian, Boston Children's Museum. (*Auditorium, 1st floor*)
2. **A Prescription for Playful Learning: How museums and libraries can reduce the experience gap for children: Jeri Robinson**, Vice President, Education and Family Learning, Boston Children's Museum; **Tom Weber**, Interim Commissioner of Early Education and Care, Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Facilitator: Kate Marciniak, Boston Children's Museum. (*Connolly Center, 4th floor*)
3. **Addressing Barriers to Success for Public Health Initiatives: A community-based approach in Western MA: Linda Jablonski**, RNC, MSN, Baystate Franklin Medical Center; **Liz Friedman**, MFA, Franklin County Perinatal Support Coalition. Facilitator: Margaret Hannah, MA School of Professional Psychology. (*Audiovisual Lounge, 3rd floor*)
4. **Buffering Toxic Stress with Purposeful Parenting: Andy Garner**, MD, PhD, Chair, Early Childhood Brain Development Task Force, American Academy of Pediatrics; **Jim Perrin**, MD, President Elect, American Academy of Pediatrics. Facilitator: Suchitra Sexena, Harvard Graduate School of Education. (*Audiovisual Room #1, 3rd floor*)
5. **Tools of the Mind Curriculum: Elizabeth Billings-Fouhy**, Director, Lexington Children's Place; **Kerry McIntosh**, Teacher, Lexington Children's Place; **Miriam Calderon**, Chief Advisor, Tools of the Mind. Facilitator: Jocelyn Bowne, Harvard Graduate School of Education. (*Audiovisual Room #4, 3rd floor*)
6. **The Cradle of Democracy: Felton Earls**, MD, Professor of Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School, and Professor of Human Behavior and Development, Harvard School of Public Health; **Mary Carlson**, Neurobiologist, Harvard Medical School. Facilitator: Michele Rankin, Boston Children's Museum. (*Connolly Center, 4th floor*)
7. **Family Engagement in Early Childhood: A community-based parent empowerment approach: Jane Tewksbury**, Executive Director, Thrive in 5; **Cherie Craft**, Executive Director, Smart from the Start. Facilitator: Todd Grindal, Harvard Graduate School of Education. (*New England Room, 4th floor*)
8. **Breaking Down Silos to Inform State Policies for Children: Jeff Bernstein**, Policy Analyst, Mass. Budget and Policy Center; **Nancy Wagman**, KIDS COUNT Project Director, Mass. Budget and Policy Center. Facilitator: Claire Houston, Harvard Law. (*Boston Room, 4th floor*)

9. **Power of Play for All Families:** **Donald Wertlieb**, PhD, President, Partnership for Early Childhood Development and Disability Rights; **Megan Dickerson**, Senior Manager of Community Programs and Partnerships, Boston Children's Museum; **Janet Rice Elman**, Executive Director, Association of Children's Museums. Facilitator: Renee Lamoreau, Tufts University. (*Audiovisual Room #3, 3rd floor*)
10. **Literacy: Aligning communities around research, policy and practice to ensure reading proficiency for children 0-9:** **Carolyn Lyons**, President and CEO, Strategies for Children; **Kelly Kulsrud**, Director of Reading Proficiency, Strategies for Children. Facilitator: Ventura Rodriguez, Harvard Graduate School of Education. (*The Bridge, 4th floor*)
11. **Home-Based Interventions:** **Robert Sege**, MD, PhD, Division Director, Ambulatory Pediatrics, Boston Medical Center; **Debbie Allen**, Director, Bureau of Child, Adolescent and Family Health, Boston Public Health Commission. Facilitator: Brenna Kelly, Boston Children's Museum. (*Providence Room, 4th floor*)
12. **Health and Safety in Childcare:** **Valora Washington**, PhD, Founder and President, CAYL Institute. **Tucker Levy**, Chief Operating Officer, Associated Early Care and Education. Facilitator: Zoe Stemm-Calderon, Harvard Graduate School of Education. (*Augusta Room, 4th floor*)

3:30 pm *Coffee Break* (1st floor, Gallery)

4:15 pm *Wrap-up* presentation of the summary suggestions (1st floor, Auditorium)

5:00-6:30 pm *Reception* – cash bar (1st floor, Gallery)

Family Fest at Boston Children's Museum, Saturday April 6, 2013 10am to 5pm. See how theory can convert into parenting practices through a fun-packed day of arts, sciences, cooking, music, theater, games and much more. All events are free with Museum Admission. For more information visit www.BostonChildrensMuseum.org.