

Early Childhood Policy Matters Promo 2022

Narrator:

Welcome to Early Childhood Policy Matters, a podcast for early childhood professionals and strategic partners, hoping to use research and best-practices to inform policy and better serve children, families, and their communities. In this series, we'll be talking with state leaders and national experts about early childhood policy and systems-building efforts happening across the country, that are supported by the Preschool Development Grants Birth through Five.

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We'll share valuable knowledge, strategies, success stories, and some lessons learned on a wide range of critical topics, including new approaches to funding:

Kayla Rosen

We want families to have choice. We want to minimize transitions for kids of this age. We want to support the entire birth through five sector.... How do we make the funding do all those things?

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Systems-building and strategic partnerships:

Tamilah Richardson

It was critically important that we had braided support here, because we don't want early childhood mental health to exist in a silo.

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The early childhood workforce:

Walter Gilliam

They are the unsung essential workforce behind all other essential workforces.

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Transitions across state and local early care and education systems:

Kristie Kauerz

What we know is most effective at that level is when we have both sides of the transition intentionally and meaningfully engaged together.

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Early childhood mental health:

Nikki Edge

That's part of the beauty of mental health consultation is that it's proven effective as a strategy that can get you to many different outcomes.

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Efforts to promote equity and support underserved communities:

Lucy Littlewolf Arias

It's important to first know your communities, and to make sure that they're at the table helping to make decisions.

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And a wide range of ongoing initiatives in states like California, Louisiana, Rhode Island, New Jersey, and South Carolina

Georgia Mjartan

I will say having some proof points was key. So use us; use the fact that South Carolina has accomplished this as a proof point that it can be done.

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Join us for an informative and engaging look at early childhood policy initiatives and learn from the nation's top early childhood professionals and leaders. The full series, supported by the National Technical Assistance Center for Preschool Development Grants Birth through Five, and funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care, is available right now on Apple and Google Podcasts, Spotify, Stitcher, or your favorite podcast app. You can also find all of our episodes and transcripts by visiting childcareta.acf.hhs.gov and searching for Early Childhood Policy Matters. We hope you'll join us in this important conversation.