Episode 1 Transcript
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Narrator (00:11):
Welcome to Early Childhood Policy Matters, a podcast for early childhood professionals and strategic partners, hoping to use research 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 efforts supporting the Preschool Development Grant Birth through Five Initiatives happening across the country.

Narrator (00:34):
We’ll share valuable knowledge, strategies, success stories, and some lessons learned on a wide range of critical topics from the local level to the federal level, from mental health practice to program development. We’ll dive into all aspects of the PDG B-5 initiative and the work being done to support children and communities across the US. The series, supported by the National Technical Assistance Center for Preschool Development Grants Birth through Five, funded by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care, begins with a focus on early childhood mental health. Topics include getting started with early childhood mental health.

Jennifer Miller (01:08):
There really is an opportunity now to build and renew momentum around infant family and early childhood mental health.

Narrator (01:15):
Common approaches to mental health services and supports.

Nikki Edge (01:18):
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.

Narrator (01:25):
Common challenges at the practitioner level.

Dominique Charlot-Swilley (01:28):
We’re having similar conversation about silos that we had 20 years ago. How do we really do justice to moving the needle on this?

Narrator (01:38):
And components of a successful statewide early childhood mental health system.

Tamilah Richardson (01:43):
We really have to be aggressive in our efforts to make sure that there’s diverse perspective.

Narrator (01:49):
Later in the series. We'll focus on topics, including the development of strategic partnerships, establishing financing models for mixed delivery systems and coordinating eligibility and enrollment processes across agencies and across states. 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. You can find the podcast right now by going to childcareta.acf.hhs.gov and searching for Early Childhood Policy Matters. You can also find us on your favorite podcast app or on SoundCloud at EC Policy Matters. We hope you'll join us in this important conversation.