

2011 STAM – CCPRC Meeting
Opening Remarks
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Opening and Welcome from ACF Leadership

Description

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Facilitator

Ivelisse Martinez-Beck, Child Care Research Coordinator, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE)

Presenters

Shannon Rudisill, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development, ACF, and Director, Office of Child Care (OCC)
Naomi Goldstein, Director, OPRE
George Sheldon, Acting Assistant Secretary, ACF

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1. Documents in Session Folder: N/A

2. Summary of Presentations

- **Welcome and Introduction:** Ivelisse Martinez-Beck
 - Ivelisse welcomed participants to the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Child Care Policy Research Consortium, thanked the many people who helped plan the meeting, and introduced Shannon Rudisill.

- **Summary of Presentation #1:** Shannon Rudisill
 - Shannon indicated her appreciation for the collaboration between OCC, OPRE and the Child Care Policy Research Consortium (CCPRC) which facilitates consultation on questions and application of research. In particular, the QRIS Evaluation Kit and compendium of child assessments are very useful tools for States.
 - As the focus on data continues to grow, along with emphasis on data quality and technical issues, policy-makers need to augment their expertise with that of researchers. With Race to the Top-Early Learning Challenge (RTT-ELC), knowledge is growing, and research will be especially important to its implementation.

- **Summary of Presentation #2:** Naomi Goldstein
 - CCPRC is not just a conference, it is a big working meeting which is a model in its scope, density and efficiency; it represents a remarkable partnership. While these are challenging times, exciting things are happening in early care and learning including the Head Start re-competition, new CCDF Plan Preprint, home visiting initiative, and RTT-ELC Grants.

- Research is an exciting part of each of these initiatives. In the home visiting program, three-quarters of awarded funds must be used for models with evidence. And with RTT-ELC, States are required to build a Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) with a research base.
- **Summary of Presentation #3: George Sheldon**
 - George talked about the importance of early childhood education, particularly for children in low-income families. It is critical that all players and programs be part of this effort, learning how to work together to build positive outcomes. This includes health and education. Our work will determine who we are as a society.
 - He commended Shannon Rudisill for her guidance of OCC as well as Joan Lombardi who always pushed the envelope for interagency partnerships, and announced the appointment of Linda Smith as the new ACF Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development.