Populations of Interest:
Decisions, Access and Quality Challenges

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Major Themes

- Basic ECE policy questions addressed for specific groups: define and measure quality, how train and support caregivers, what impact on parent choice and employment.

- Significant prevalence; diversity of populations and needs

- Challenges to define, measure quality.

- Role of multiple service systems is central concern
Session

- Findings from some leading studies
- Generalize to broader issues
- Clear need for further policy research: what are top priorities?
- Stimulus to discussion