

AGENDA

TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 2005

8:00 a.m.

Registration Open MEZZANINE LEVEL

Poster Rooms Open CALVERT BALLROOM SALONS A/B

Cyber Café Open CALVERT BALLROOM SALON C

9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Pre-Conference Session QUINCE Steering Committee *ROYAL CONFERENCE FOYER-19TH FLOOR*

Facilitators:

Ivelisse Martinez-Beck Research Coordinator Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Sharon Ramey

Susan H. Mayer Professor of Child and Family Studies Director, Georgetown Center on Health and Education Georgetown University

Donna Bryant Associate Director and Senior Scientist FPG Child Development Institute University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Pre-Conference Session

State Research and Data Capacity Grants Meeting HANOVER SUITE A-MEZZANINE LEVEL

Facilitator: Joe Gagnier Statistician Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

1:00-5:00 p.m.

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1:30-3:15 p.m.

Pre-Conference Session

Scholars Affinity Group ROYAL BOARD ROOM-19TH FLOOR

Facilitators:

Dawn Ramsburg Society for Research in Child Development Policy Fellow Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Stephanie Curenton Assistant Professor Florida State University

Pre-Conference Session

Professional Development Panel FAIRMONT SUITE-19TH FLOOR

Marilou Hyson Senior Advisor for Research and Professional Practice National Association for the Education of Young Children

Stephanie Curenton Assistant Professor Florida State University

Valerie Malholmes Society for Research in Child Development Policy Fellow National Institute of Child Health and Human Development

3:15-3:45 p.m.

Light Refreshments

MEZZANINE LEVEL

3:45-5:30 p.m.

Pre-Conference Session

FACES Data Workshop HANOVER SUITE B-MEZZANINE LEVEL

Facilitators:

Peter Joftis Senior Research Associate Inter-university Consortium for Social and Political Research University of Michigan

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Suzanne Freed Child Care Policy Specialist Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Trainers:

Nicholas Zill Director, Child and Family Study Area Westat, Inc.

Kwang Kim FACES Archive Manager Westat, Inc.

Alberto Sorongon Research Associate Westat, Inc.

Michael Lopez Senior Research Analyst Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Maria T. Woolverton Social Science Research Analyst FACES Federal Project Officer Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

5:30-8:30 p.m.

Dinner on Your Own

8:30 p.m.

Movie BALTIMORE THEATRE-MEZZANINE LEVEL Daddy Day Care (shown in hotel theatre)

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7:30-8:55 a.m.

Breakfast and Networking Registration Open *MEZZANINE LEVEL*

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9:00-10:30 a.m.

Opening Session *CALVERT BALLROOM* Welcome and Opening Remarks

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Karen Tvedt Director, Policy and Research Division Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Ivelisse Martinez-Beck Research Coordinator Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Overview and Goals of the Meeting

Rod Southwick, Consortium Co-Chair Director, Research Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services

Gina Adams, Consortium Co-Chair Senior Research Associate The Urban Institute

J. Lee Kreader Director of Outreach and Partnerships Co-Director, Child Care and Early Education Research Connections National Center for Children in Poverty Columbia University

Dawn Ramsburg Society for Research in Child Development Policy Fellow Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Break

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10:45-11:45 a.m.

Poster Session #1 SALONS A/B

Refreshments SALON E

12:00-1:00 p.m.

Served Lunch CALVERT BALLROOM

1:00-2:00 p.m.

Plenary Panel and Discussion CALVERT BALLROOM

(Panel will take place over lunch during the second hour)

Frontiers in the Linkage of Child Care With Other Systems and Services This panel and group discussion takes a bird's eye view of new approaches to the linkage of child care with other systems. It will lay out a conceptual map of statelevel linkages from the perspectives of both children and families and the programs that serve them. Panelists will be asked to broadly summarize issues and research to set the stage for more detailed discussions in the breakouts to follow.

Moderator:

Shannon Christian Associate Commissioner Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Panels:

1. State-Level Linkages and Assessments of Children in Multiple Systems

Children are navigating multiple systems, such as child care, Head Start, Early Head Start, Pre-Kindergarten, family child care, and transition into elementary school. What challenges do states face in assessing children's development and program quality across agencies and program contexts? What are the major assessment tools available to policy makers? For what purposes are they used?

Craig T. Ramey Distinguished Professor of Health Studies Director, Georgetown Center on Health and Education Georgetown University

2. State and Community Linkages Between Child Care and Mental Health

Child care providers are struggling with how to help young children with challenging behaviors. How are communities and states working to support the early childhood programs and providers as they face these challenges? What does

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research tell us about the scope of the problem and about strategies that are effective in helping the providers, the children, and their families address mental health-related issues?

Jane Knitzer Director, National Center for Children in Poverty Clinical Professor of Population and Family Health Columbia University

3. The Intersection of Child Care, Labor Markets, and Related Policies

Working families navigate the child care market, the labor market, and the TANF system. How do the characteristics of low-wage employment, child care, and policies related to TANF and child care interact?

Peggy O'Brien-Strain Director of Social Policy The SPHERE Institute

2:00-2:15 p.m.

BREAK

2:15-3:45 p.m.

First Group of Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session #1

ROYAL BOARD ROOM-19TH FLOOR Assessments and Measures That Support Linkages Among Early Care and Education Programs

Assessments and measures that provide data about quality and costs across early care and education programs can support linkages among these programs. How can assessment and measurement approaches support linkages that strengthen the early care and education system as a whole? What data, including cost data, are needed by policymakers in considering policy decisions that support linkages? The session will highlight the experience of Ohio in linking their child care and other early education programs and research that looks at cost and quality issues.

Facilitator:

Diane Schilder Project Director, Center for Children and Families Education Development Center, Inc.

Discussants:

Jamie Gottesman Assistant Bureau Chief Bureau of Child Care and Development Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

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Richard Brandon Director Human Services Policy Center University of Washington

Scribe:

Julia Roach Research Associate I Child Care and Early Education Research Connections Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research University of Michigan

Breakout Session # 2

FAIRMONT SUITE-19TH FLOOR Issues in the Linkage of Child Care, Mental Health, Health, and Special Interventions

This session will highlight the experiences of Connecticut and Vermont in promoting linkages on behalf of children with disabilities as well as mental health issues. These case studies will be used as a springboard for the non-researchers in the group to discuss the issues and challenges they face and the research questions they would like answered. Researchers in the group will discuss approaches they are taking—or would like to see taken in new studies—to answer some of these questions.

Facilitator:

Jane Knitzer Director, National Center for Children in Poverty Clinical Professor of Population and Family Health Columbia University

Discussants:

Mary Ann Dayton-Fitzgerald Early Childhood Intervention Specialist Connecticut Department of Children and Families

Brenda Bean Early Childhood Mental Health Programs Director Child Development Division Vermont Department for Children and Families

Scribes:

Elizabeth Rigby Graduate Research Fellow and Child Care Research Scholar National Center for Children and Families Columbia University

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Sharmila Lawrence Research Analyst Child Care and Early Education Research Connections National Center for Children in Poverty Columbia University

Breakout Session #3

ROYAL CONFERENCE FOYER-19TH FLOOR Linkages Among Employment, Workplace Policies, and Child and Family Well-Being

Examining the employment context is critical in understanding the realities lowincome parents face. Work characteristics and workplace policies affect the wellbeing of families and children. This session focuses on what we know about these issues and explores new frontiers for future research.

Facilitator:

Julie E. Press Assistant Professor Department of Sociology Temple University

Discussants:

Katherin Ross Phillips Research Associate The Urban Institute

Peggy O'Brien-Strain Director of Social Policy The SPHERE Institute

Shelley Waters Boots Research Director New America Foundation

Scribes:

Eden King Doctoral Candidate and Child Care Research Scholar Rice University

Lucy Jordan Doctoral Candidate and Child Care Research Scholar University of Washington

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Breakout Session #4

HANOVER SUITE A-MEZZANINE LEVEL Implementation Issues in Evaluation of Quality Initiatives

QUINCE is a study of two interventions to enhance the quality of children's experiences with family child care providers and center-based teachers. Developers of each intervention will describe the core elements and procedures of the model and then, based on the first six months of implementation, four directors of community and state agencies responsible for quality improvement will respond. They will describe the success and challenges of integrating such models into existing agency services, including balancing their staff needs with maintaining fidelity to the original model.

Facilitator:

Donna Bryant Associate Director and Senior Scientist FPG Child Development Institute University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Discussants:

Partnerships for Inclusion (PFI) Carla Fenson QUINCE PFI Project Intervention Coordinator FPG Child Development Institute University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Ramey Immersion Training and Evaluation (RITE) Sharon Ramey Susan H. Mayer Professor of Child and Family Studies Director, Georgetown Center on Health and Education Georgetown University

Agency Perspectives: PFI Linda Lembke Director Lakes and Prairies Child Care Resource and Referral

Nancy Lee Interim Child Care Fund Manager Every Child Counts—First Five Alameda County

Agency Perspectives: RITE Cathy Grace Director, Early Childhood Institute Mississippi State University

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| | Louise Davis Extension Professor Child and Family Development Mississippi State University |
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| | Scribes: Brigid Murphy Project Coordinator and Research Associate Georgetown Center on Health and Education Georgetown University |
| | Dianne Hezel Project Coordinator and Research Associate Georgetown Center on Health and Education Georgetown University |
| 3:45-4:15 p.m. | BREAK |
| 4:15-5:15 p.m. | Conversation With the Associate Commissioner CALVERT BALLROOM Shannon Christian Associate Commissioner Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS |
| 5:15 p.m. | Adjourn |
| 5:30 p.m. | Reception VERSAILLES BALLROOM-LOBBY LEVEL |
| 7:00 p.m. | Dinner (on your own) |
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| 7:30-8:45 a.m. | Networking and Breakfast Registration Open MEZZANINE LEVEL |
| | Poster Rooms Open |

CALVERT BALLROOM SALONS A/B

Cyber Café Open CALVERT BALLROOM SALON C

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8:45-9:00 a.m.

Opening, Housekeeping, & Review of Agenda CALVERT BALLROOM

9:00-10:00 a.m.

Plenary Panel and Discussion *CALVERT BALLROOM* Measurement, Assessment, and Outcomes

Moderator:

Ivelisse Martinez-Beck Research Coordinator Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Panels:

1. Definition and Measurement of Training and Professional Development in Research and Practice

This presentation will provide an update on the work of the Definitions and Measurement of Professional Development Workgroup and share the framework that has been drafted to shape their work.

> Martha Zaslow Vice President, Research Child Trends, Inc.

2. The Connection Between Research and Policy: Quality Rating Systems

This presentation will focus on the challenges of translating research findings into efficient indicators for quality rating systems that are affordable for governments to operate. The session will also address the data needed for an effective quality rating system.

David Edie Public Policy Specialist Wisconsin Child Care Research Partnership University of Wisconsin–Extension Technical Assistance Specialist National Child Care Information Center

3. Assessment of Child Outcomes in Preschool

This presentation will present a broad discussion of the purposes to child assessment in Pre-k, how the purpose will determine the measures and instruments to be used, and how findings are presented and used.

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Donna Bryant Associate Director and Senior Scientist FPG Child Development Institute University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

10:00-10:30 a.m **BREAK** 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Second Group of Breakout Sessions Breakout Session #5 ROYAL BOARD ROOM-19TH FLOOR Issues in Measuring Quality in Home-Based Settings This session will consider measurement issues when assessing child care quality in a range of home-based settings. What do we know about quality in home-based settings? How has quality been measured? What types of measures exist? How do these measures vary depending on the type of home-based setting-from family, friend, and neighbor caregivers to licensed family child care providers? **Facilitator**: Dawn Ramsburg Society for Research in Child Development Policy Fellow Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS **Discussants**: Wendy Wagner Robeson **Research Scientist** Center for Research on Women Wellesley College Kelly Maxwell **Research Scientist** FPG Child Development Institute University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Toni Porter Director Institute for a Child Care Continuum Bank Street College of Education

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Scribe:

Juliet Bromer Doctoral Candidate and former Child Care Research Scholar Committee on Human Development University of Chicago

Breakout Session #6

ROYAL CONFERENCE FOYER-19TH FLOOR What are we learning about the relationship between subsidy and welfare-to-work systems and policies, and the child care and employment patterns of low-income parents?

This session will provide an opportunity to discuss recent research on the implications of multiple levels of subsidy policy and practice for the employment and child care patterns of low-income parents. The discussion will focus on two interrelated types of subsidy-related research and their implications for child care and employment: (1) subsidy administration issues (such as the implications of devolution of child care subsidy management, as well as the strong interconnections between child care and TANF/welfare-to-work systems); and (2) child care subsidies and subsidy policies.

Facilitator:

J. Lee Kreader Director of Outreach and Partnerships Co-Director, Child Care and Early Education Research Connections National Center for Children in Poverty Columbia University

Discussants:

Gina Adams Senior Research Associate The Urban Institute

Lucy Jordan Doctoral Candidate and Child Care Research Scholar University of Washington

Deanna Schexnayder Associate Director and Research Scientist Ray Marshall Center for the Study of Human Resources University of Texas at Austin

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Lisa Gennetian Senior Research Associate MDRC

Scribes:

Suzanne Freed Child Care Specialist Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Rosemary Kendall Information Specialist National Child Care Information Center

Breakout Session #7

FAIRMONT SUITE-19TH FLOOR Defining and Measuring Content of Professional Development

In both research and practice there is little agreement on how to measure the content or extent of professional development. We have little evidence regarding the specific content, number or sequencing of courses that are linked to early learning standards for children's learning and that can best support positive practice and child outcomes. Several efforts are underway to develop better measurement approaches in early childhood professional development. These efforts include (1) work by NACCRRA to conduct a survey of agency directors regarding the content of training offered; (2) work by the National Registry Alliance on how best to record the content and extent of the training and education achieved by licensed child care providers; (3) work focusing on extending market rate surveys to include provider-level education and training information; (4) work by researchers piloting new prospective measures of training in evaluation studies; and (5) work focusing on strengthening state and federal survey data to better document the qualifications of the early childhood workforce. Individuals associated with these approaches will share the status of new work and provide the topical framework for general discussion.

Facilitators:

Ivelisse Martinez-Beck Research Coordinator Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Martha Zaslow Vice President, Research Child Trends, Inc.

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Discussion Resource People:

Linda Smith Executive Director National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Jere Wallden Executive Director The Registry of Wisconsin

Roberta Weber Coordinator, Family Policy Program Oregon State University

Donna Bryant Associate Director and Senior Scientist FPG Child Development Institute University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Richard Brandon Director Human Services Policy Center University of Washington

Scribes:

Daniel Ferguson Research Assistant Child Care and Early Education Research Connections National Center for Children in Poverty Columbia University

Bridget Lavelle Research Assistant Child Trends, Inc.

Breakout Session #8

HANOVER SUITE A-MEZZANINE LEVEL What Child Care Arrangements Do Low-income Parents Use? How Do State Policies and Programs Affect Their Choices?

Parents use a variety of child care settings and arrangements. This breakout will focus on the types of care that low-income parents use. We will explore how subsidy policies ultimately affect the type of child care arrangements observed.

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The dialogue will continue to delve deeper into what we know about the context in which low-income parents make child care arrangements and the constraints affecting their options.

Facilitator:

Reeva Sullivan Murphy Child Care Administrator Office of Child Care Rhode Island Department of Human Services

Discussants:

Lynda Laughlin Doctoral Candidate Child Care Research Scholar Temple University

Erin Maher Senior Analyst Human Services Policy Center University of Washington

Michel Lahti Research Faculty Edmund S. Muskie School of Public Service University of Southern Maine

Scribes:

Rose Ribeiro Information Specialist National Child Care Information Center

Kate Tarrant Research Assistant National Center for Children and Families Columbia University

12:15-1:15 p.m.

Networking Lunch

CALVERT BALLROOM Special Interest Tables

1:15-2:15 p.m.

Plenary Panel and Discussion CALVERT BALLROOM

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(This panel will take place over lunch, during the second hour)

The Intersection of Child Care and Low-Wage Employment

What is being learned about issues such as how the labor market for low-wage workers is changing with respect to occupations, work hours, and schedules? This plenary will provide a discussion on the interactions of employment characteristics, family characteristics, and child care usage, highlighting the importance of understanding how these domains relate to observed levels of stability in employment and child care.

Moderator:

Shelley Waters Boots Research Director New America Foundation

Panelists:

Marcia K. Meyers Associate Professor of Social Work and Public Affairs University of Washington

Harriet B. Presser Distinguished University Professor Department of Sociology University of Maryland

Wen-Jui Han Assistant Professor School of Social Work Columbia University

2:15-2:30 p.m.

2:30-3:45 p.m.

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Third Group of Breakout Sessions

Breakout Session #9

ROYAL BOARD ROOM-19TH FLOOR Assessment of School Readiness and Child Outcomes in Preschool

This workshop will discuss the issues states need to consider when embarking on assessments of preschool and kindergarten children, including the appropriateness of various measures and methodologies for screening children for special needs, customizing teaching to the class, evaluating programs, and determining the effectiveness of programs and policies. The workshop will survey the state-of-the-art in measures and methodologies used in assessments, including

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the merits and limitations of common approaches to evaluation of school readiness and the impact of early care and education programs.

Facilitator:

Susan Wilson Director Early Childhood DataCONNections Child Health and Development Institute of Connecticut

Discussants:

Kelly Maxwell Research Scientist FPG Child Development Institute University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Marsha Weinraub Laura H. Carnell Professor of Psychology Temple University

Scribes:

Brenda Bean Early Childhood Mental Health Programs Director Division of Child Development Vermont Department for Children and Families

Stephanie Curenton Assistant Professor Florida State University

Breakout Session #10

FAIRMONT SUITE-19TH FLOOR State-Level Assessments of Quality Rating Systems

Discussants will address how research findings on child care quality have been used within states, what it takes to get a program implemented, issues that policy makers need to consider when considering quality rating systems, and challenges for monitoring changes over time in light of state quality investments.

Facilitator:

Carolyn Drugge Director, Office of Child Care and Head Start Maine Department of Health and Human Services

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Discussants:

Deborah Neill Director of Child Care, Adult and Community Programs Tennessee Department of Human Services

Kim Townley Acting Division Director Division of Early Childhood Development Kentucky Department of Education

Judy Collins State Technical Assistance Specialist National Child Care Information Center

Scribe:

Eric Karolak Deputy Executive Director National Child Care Information Center

Breakout Session #11 ROYAL CONFERENCE FOYER-19TH FLOOR

Linking Data From Different State Systems

What are we learning from efforts to use a common identifier across different administrative datasets—including data from child care subsidy, licensing, and registry systems, as well as TANF, Unemployment Insurance, and Census data?

Facilitator:

Rod Southwick Director, Research Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services

Discussants:

Mairéad Reidy Senior Researcher Chapin Hall Center for Children University of Chicago

Alan Sweet Consultant Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development

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W. David Patterson Research Specialist Office of Research and Statistics South Carolina Budget and Control Board

Scribes:

Shawn Marie Pelak Research Associate Child Care and Early Education Research Connections Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research University of Michigan

Rose Ribeiro Information Specialist National Child Care Information Center

Breakout Session #12

HANOVER SUITE A-MEZZANINE LEVEL Getting Stability: Understanding and Measuring the Dynamics of Child Care Arrangements

Stable arrangements are seen as a goal in child care—but what does stability mean and how is it measured? This breakout session will focus on the various ways researchers have examined the stability of child care for low-income children and highlight findings from research. We will attempt to arrive at a better understanding of the measures and explore the possibility of using comparable measures on different data sets.

Facilitator:

Marcia K. Meyers Associate Professor of Social Work and Public Affairs University of Washington

Discussants:

Ann Collins Senior Associate Abt Associates

Helen H. Raikes Principal Investigator Center on Children, Families, and the Law University of Nebraska-Lincoln

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Roberta Weber Coordinator, Family Policy Program Oregon State University

Martha Zaslow Vice President, Research Child Trends, Inc.

Scribes:

Lucy Jordan Doctoral Candidate and Child Care Research Scholar University of Washington

Henry Tran Doctoral Candidate and Child Care Research Scholar Temple University

3:45-4:45 p.m.

Poster Session #2 SALONS A/B

Ice Cream Social SALON E

4:45-5:45 p.m.

Plenary Session: Roundtables

CALVERT BALLROOM Sharing Data through Research Connections

Research Connections partners will describe steps in making data available for secondary analysis—from data collection through electronic archiving. Staff from *Research Connections* will work with participants in small groups to answer questions and begin facilitating archiving of their data.

Roundtable Facilitators: J. Lee Kreader Director of Outreach and Partnerships Co-Director, Child Care and Early Education Research Connections National Center for Children in Poverty Columbia University

Peter Joftis Senior Research Associate Child Care and Early Education Research Connections Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research University of Michigan

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Ivelisse Martinez-Beck Research Coordinator Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Mariajosé Romero Associate Research Scientist Co-Director, Child Care and Early Education Research Connections National Center for Children in Poverty Columbia University

Shawn Marie Pelak Research Associate Child Care and Early Education Research Connections Inter-university Consortium for Political and Social Research University of Michigan

5:45 p.m.

Adjourn

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2005

| 7:30-8:45 a.m. | Networking, Breakfast, and Checkout Poster Rooms Open SALONS A/B |
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| | Cyber Café Open SALON D |
| 8:45-9:00 a.m. | Opening and Announcements CALVERT BALLROOM |
| | Dawn Ramsburg Society for Research in Child Development Policy Fellow Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS |
| 9:00-10:30 a.m. | Plenary Panel and Discussion <i>CALVERT BALLROOM</i> Moving Forward, Thinking Creatively: Where are the frontiers for child care research? |
| | This panel of consortium leaders will synthesize new understanding and wisdom from the week's discussions and lead a group discussion of where we go from here. |

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How do we stay on the cutting edge? What linkages and partnerships are needed for the next generation of groundbreaking research?

Moderator:

Karen Tvedt Director, Policy and Research Division Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

Panel:

Martha Zaslow Vice President, Research Child Trends, Inc.

Roberta Weber Coordinator, Family Policy Program Oregon State University

Richard Brandon Director Human Services Policy Center University of Washington

10:30-10:45 a.m.

Break and Refreshments SALON E

10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Concluding Roundtable Discussion

CALVERT BALLROOM

Grounding Our Discussions in Reality: What are states facing, is research being used for decision-making, and what research is needed in the future?

State representatives will share their reactions to the presentations and discussions at the meeting in the context of challenges faced at the state level. What are the major policy issues you are facing in your state regarding early childhood care and education? Are there noteworthy instances of cross-system collaboration? Have you been able to use research in your decision-making? What was most useful? Thinking about the future, what is the research that you would most like to see carried out?

Facilitators:

Gina Adams, Consortium Co-Chair Senior Research Associate The Urban Institute

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Rod Southwick, Consortium Co-Chair Director, Research Massachusetts Office of Child Care Services

12:15-12:30 p.m.

Concluding Remarks CALVERT BALLROOM

> Ivelisse Martinez-Beck Research Coordinator Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

> Karen Tvedt Director, Policy and Research Division Child Care Bureau Administration for Children and Families, DHHS

12:30 p.m.

Adjourn