



Together Again: NASLEE 2023 Roundtable
October 11-13, 2023 / Bethesda, MD

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023

8:00 – 9:00 am
Bethesdan A/B

Breakfast

10:00 am – 12:00 pm
Bethesdan A/B

STEP Forward with Data Framework: A New Tool for Data-Driven Preschool Leaders

Presenters:

- **Dale Richards**, *Senior Research Scientist, Child Trends*
- **Van Kim Lin**, *Senior Research Scientist, Child Trends*
- **Shana Rochester**, *Research Scientist, Child Trends*

Facilitators:

- **Rebecca Davis**, *Senior Advisor, Delivery Associates*
- **Ivan Markovic**, *Project Leader, Delivery Associates*

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Bethesdan A/B

Lunch

1:00 pm - 2:45 pm
Bethesdan A/B

STEP Forward with Data Framework: A New Tool for Data-Driven Preschool Leaders (Continued)

2:45 pm - 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 4:15 pm
Bethesdan A/B

Developing Policies that Enhance Learning for Multilingual Learners – Building the Workforce in a Continuous Improvement System

- **Dr. Alexandra Figueras-Daniel**, *Research Assistant Professor and Bilingual ECE Senior Policy Specialist, NIEER*
- **Dr. Ellen Frede**, *Senior Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)*
- **Dr. Lisa Roy**, *Executive Director, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*

4:15 pm – 5:00 pm
Bethesdan A/B

What's New with NASLEE?

Presenters:

- **Robin Wilkins**, *NASLEE President, Education Program Development Specialist, New Jersey Department of Education*
- **Dawn Kalkman**, *NASLEE Vice President, Education Consultant, Michigan Department of Education*
- **Nicole Madore**, *NASLEE Treasurer, Early Childhood Specialist, Maine Department of Education*
- **Dr. Noel Kelty**, *NASLEE Past President, Assistant Professor of Teacher Education at Saginaw Valley State University*
- **Mandy Sorge**, *Executive Director, NASLEE*

6:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Off Site

Teaching Strategies Welcome Reception

Location: 4500 East-West Highway #300 / Bethesda, Maryland



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023

7:30 am – 8:30 am
Bethesdan

Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:00 am
Bethesdan A/B

Welcome Remarks from NASLEE

Speakers:

- **Robin Wilkins**, *NASLEE President, Education Program Development Specialist, New Jersey Department of Education*
- **Dawn Kalkman**, *NASLEE Vice President, Education Consultant, Michigan Department of Education*
- **Mandy Sorge**, *Executive Director, NASLEE*

9:00 am – 10:15 am
Bethesdan A/B

The Science of Reading in the Context of the Whole Child

Moderator: **Dr. Nicol Russell**, *Vice President, Implementation Research, Teaching Strategies*

Panelists:

- **Winona Hao**, *Director of Early Learning, National Association of State Boards of Education*
- **Dr. Jill Dent**, *Director, Office of Early Childhood, Mississippi Department of Education*
- **Dr. Kara Ahmed**, *Deputy Chancellor of Early Childhood Education, New York City Public Schools*
- **Sarah Parks-Reese**, *Assistant Director of Kindergarten Readiness, Indiana Department of Education*

10:15 am - 10:30 am

Break

10:30 am - 11:30 am
Bethesdan A/B

Breakout 1: How Can State Early Education Leaders Promote Coherent P-3 Early Literacy Policy

- **Lori Connors-Tadros**, *Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)*
- **Rolf Grafwallner**, *Program Director, Council of Chief State School Officers*
- **John Pruette**, *Senior Policy Consultant, EducationCounsel*

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Breakout 2: New Research on Enrollment, Workforce, Measurement, and Outcomes: What does it mean for you?

- **Dr. Steve Barnett**, *Senior Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)*
- **Dr. Allison Friedman-Krauss**, *Assistant Research Professor, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)*

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Breakout 3: Competencies for Leading Equitable and Inclusive Early Childhood Systems

- **Sherri Britt Williams**, *Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), University of North Carolina*
- **Catasha Williams**, *Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), University of North Carolina*



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 (continued....)

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Bethesdan A/B	NASLEE Leadership Academy Information Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Lori Connors-Tadros, <i>Senior Research Fellow, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)</i>
12:00 pm - 12:15 pm Bethesdan A/B	SRCD Fellowship Information Session <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jennifer Brooks, <i>Senior Impact Advisor, JLBrooks Consulting</i>
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm Bethesdan A/B	Lunch
1:15 pm – 2:30 pm Bethesdan A/B	Lessons Learned from Universal PreK Expansion: Considerations for States Moderator: Dr. Steve Barnett , <i>Senior Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)</i> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sarah Neville-Morgan, <i>Deputy Superintendent of Public Instruction, Opportunities for All Branch, California Department of Education</i>● Bill Buchanan, <i>Early Learning Advisor, Office of Special Education and Early Learning (OSEEL), Kentucky Department of Education</i>● Janet Bock-Hager, <i>Pre-K Coordinator, Office of Teaching and Learning, West Virginia Department of Education</i>● Richard Lower, <i>Director, Office of Preschool and Out-of School Time Learning, Michigan Department of Education</i>
2:30 pm - 3:15 pm Bethesdan A/B	Developmentally Appropriate Kindergarten as a Sturdy Bridge for Young Children <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Swati Adarkar, <i>Deputy Assistant Secretary, Policy and Early Learning, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education</i>● Laura Bornfreund, <i>Senior Fellow and Advisor, Elementary Education Program, New America</i>
3:15 pm - 3 :30 pm	Break
3:30 pm - 4:30 pm Bethesdan A/B	Breakout 1: State(s) of ECE: Preschool, Head Start, and Early Childhood Special Education Landscapes <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Allison Friedman-Krauss, <i>Assistant Research Professor, National Institute for Early Education Research</i>
Rosedale	Breakout 2: Reimagining Instructional Coaching: Developing Observation Tools to Support Instructional Coaching in Pre-K Classrooms <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sarah Gerard, <i>Education Researcher, Center for Learning and Development, SRI Education</i>● Todd Grindal, <i>Associate Director, Center for Learning and Development, SRI Education</i>● Krystal Thomas, <i>Senior Education Researcher, Center for Learning and Development, SRI Education</i>
Cordell	Breakout 3: Nurturing All Children in Nature <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Chrisanne Gayl, <i>Co-Director & Chief Strategy and Policy Officer, Trust for Learning</i>● Aliza Yair, <i>Child Care Licensing QA/CQI Manager, Washington Department of Children, Youth and Families</i>



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2023 (continued....)

4:30 pm – 6:00 pm
Bethesdan Hotel Bar

Kaplan Reception

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Off Site

Scholastic Light Award Dinner

Location: Morton's Steakhouse, 7400 Wisconsin Ave, Bethesda

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2023

7:30 am – 8:30 am
Bethesdan A/B

Breakfast

8:30 am – 9:45 am
Bethesdan A/B

Workforce Innovations in Early Childhood State Systems: What's New and What's Next?

Moderator: **Dr. Chrishana Lloyd**, *Co-Director, The National Early Care and Education Workforce Center, Child Trends*

Presenters:

- **Tonya Coston**, *Co-Director, The National Early Care and Education Workforce Center, The BUILD Initiative*
- **Tara Dwyer**, *Registered Apprenticeship Programs Director, Early Care and Education Pathways to Success*
- **Kim Krzanowski**, *Executive Director, Early Childhood Innovation Center, Delaware State University*
- **Dr. Amber Shelton**, *Education Associate, Office of Early Learning, Delaware Department of Education*
- **Sara Mead**, *Deputy Superintendent of Early Learning, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, Washington, D.C.*

9:45 am - 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am - 11:00 am
Bethesdan A/B

Breakout 1: Apprenticeships for the ECE Workforce

- **Tara Dwyer**, *Registered Apprenticeship Programs Director, Early Care and Education Pathways to Success*

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Breakout 2: Systems Thinking for State Early Childhood Leaders

- **Tracy Merriman Jost**, *Early Childhood Education Policy Specialist, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER)*
- **Jana Martella**, *Associate NASLEE Member*
- **Heather Lucas**, *Education Consultant, Office of Great Start, Preschool and Out-of-School Learning, Michigan Department of Education*

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Breakout 3: Equity Audit: Helping State Leaders Assess Equity in Their Systems, Practices, and Outcomes

- **Sherri Britt Williams**, *Senior Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), University of North Carolina*
- **Catasha Williams**, *Technical Assistance Specialist, Early Childhood Technical Assistance Center (ECTA), University of North Carolina*



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11:00 am - 11:55 am Bethesdan A/B	Envisioning State Governance Systems that Work for Children and Families <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Jeffrey Capizzano, <i>President and Founder, Policy Equity Group</i>● Adrienne Fischer, <i>Senior Policy Analyst, Education Commission of the States</i>
11:55 am - 12:00 pm Bethesdan A/B	NASLEE Closing Remarks
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm Bethesdan A/B	Lunch

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