



Early Learning Advocacy Day 2009

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“Seize the Moment for California’s Youngest Children”
June 9, 2009
Sacramento Convention Center

Agenda

- 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. **Registration, Networking and Continental Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. **Welcome**
Ernesto Saldaña, Field Director, Preschool California
Sandra Giarde, Executive Director, California Association for the Education of Young Children
- 10:05 a.m. **Panel: Current Issues in Early Learning**
Panelists:
Celia C. Ayala, Chief Operating Officer, Los Angeles Universal Preschool
Ted Lempert, President, Children Now
Patty Siegel, Executive Director, California Child Care Resource and Referral Network
Moderator: Catherine Atkin, President, Preschool California
- 10:35 a.m. **Remarks**
Jack O’Connell, California State Superintendent of Public Instruction
Introduction by: Lee Andersen, Merced County Superintendent of Schools
- 10:45 a.m. **Panel: Voices from the Field**
Panelists:
Betty Robinson-Harris, Preschool Teacher, Burnett Child Development Center
Shaun Taylor, Assistant Director, Family Matters Child Care Center
Greg Robitaille, Parent and Early Care and Education Advocate
Sandy Escobedo, Deputy Field Director, Preschool Advocacy Initiative— California Community Foundation,
Moderator: Marilyn McGrath, President Elect, California Association for the Education of Young Children

- 11:20 a.m. **Remarks**
Assemblymember Tom Torlakson-11th District
Introduction by: Kim Pattillo Brownson, Associate Director, The Advancement Project
- 11:30 a.m. **Business Leadership in Advancing the Early Learning Agenda**
Carl Guardino, President and CEO, Silicon Valley Leadership Group
Introduction by: Barrie Becker, State Director, Fight Crime Invest In Kids
- 11:40 a.m. **Break for Lunch**
- 12:00 p.m. **State of Our Early Learning Union**
Kris Perry, Executive Director, First 5 California
Introduction by: Catherine Atkin, President, Preschool California
- 12:25 p.m. **Closing**
Catherine Atkin, President, Preschool California
Ginger Swigart, President, California Association for the Education of Young Children
- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Legislative Visits**
- 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Thank You Reception**
Far West Room, Capitol Basement Cafeteria