



*National Association of
Early Childhood Specialists in
State Departments of Education*



**Annual State Early Education Leadership Meeting
June 4-6, 2014
Minneapolis, MN**

Purpose: The meeting is collaboratively planned with national technical assistance partners to build capacity of state agency leaders and early childhood specialists to provide informed leadership about research-based practices that directly impact the development and learning of children, birth through grade three. The meeting will provide early childhood state agency leaders and specialists with cutting edge research and innovative proven practices to enhance state policies and programs.

Theme – Excellence for Every Child: Improving the Quality of Teaching Birth through Grade Three

Desired Outcomes – As a result of this meeting, participants will:

- Strengthen partnerships across states in addressing issues that face state specialists.
- Broaden awareness of what research says about how quality teaching enhances excellence for every child, birth through grade three.
- Increase awareness of best practices and successful strategies for what state leaders need to know and be able to do to improve the quality teaching for children birth to through grade three.
- Identify technical assistance needs to support state leadership efforts to enhance teaching effectiveness and strategies

TRAVEL

- **The Meetings will be held in the DEPOT Renaissance Hotel – in the Hiawatha Rooms**
<http://www.thedepotminneapolis.com>
- **Sleeping rooms** – the room block at the Depot Renaissance and Residence Inn Hotels is full. Please contact info@ceelo.org for overflow hotel options.
- **Flight Arrangements** - Participants will be responsible for making flight arrangements.
- **Stipend** - Through combined contributions from NIEER and CEELo, NAECS-SDE will provide \$900 to one member per state as a reimbursement for travel and hotel stay for two nights. CCSSO SCASS members will follow CCSSO protocols for travel arrangements and reimbursements.

Participant Agenda – All Meetings in the Hiawatha Rooms

| Wednesday – June 4, 2014 | |
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| 3:00 | NAECS-SDE New Member Orientation |
| 4:00 | NAECS-SDE Committee Meetings |
| 6:00 | Welcome Reception – hosted by NAECS-SDE, CEELO, ECEA SCASS, RTT-ELC TA and other partners |
| Thursday - June 5, 2014 | |
| 7:30-9:00 | Breakfast and Networking |
| 8:00-9:00 | NAECS-SDE Business Meeting (full, associate, and affiliate members) |
| 9:00- 9:15 | WELCOME: Agenda Overview and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEELO • NAECS-SDE • CCSSO • RTT-ELC TA |
| 9:15-10:00 | Keynote: Improving Teaching By Applying The Science Of Learning <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Wilson, Center for Innovative Education and Prevention, Nova Southeastern University Bio here |
| 10:00-11:00 | Content, Curriculum, and Pedagogy: Creating Coherence and Excellence Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Louise Hemmeter, Professor, Vanderbilt University Bio here • Juanita Copley, Professor Emerita, University of Houston Bio here • Gail Jordan, Bethel University, MN Bio here • Moderator: Shannon Riley-Ayers, Assistant Research Professor, NIEER/CEELO, Rutgers University |
| 11:00- 11:15 | BREAK |
| 11:15 - 12:15 | Breakout 1-- Beyond the Rhetoric of Developmentally Appropriate Practice: Improving the Quality of Teaching and Learning <i>Small group opportunity for states to work with experts and share info with states on topic and brainstorm policy implications for states</i> |
| 12:15-12:30 | Set up for lunch |
| 12:45-1:45 | Lunch Libby Doggett – U.S. Department of Education, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Policy and Early Learning Bio here |
| 1:45- 2:30 | State of Our State: What it takes to lead multiple policy reforms to improve teaching quality – Minnesota Reflections Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brenda Casselius, Chief MNDE Bio here • Melvin Carter III, Director Office of Early Learning Bio here • Moderator: Tom Schultz, CCSSO |
| 2:30-2:45 | Break |
| 2:45- 4:00 | Breakout 2: Topical Learning Café on Policy Issues Impacting Quality of Teaching <i>Small group discussions for participants and experts to discuss more deeply a specific topic or policy issue that impacts teaching quality.</i> |
| 4:00-4:15 | Short stretch and take down room dividers |

| Thursday - June 5, 2014 continued | |
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| 4:00 – 4:45 | Summary Activity – Reflections on the day, provocations for tomorrow Respondents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lindy Buch • Harriet Egertson • Donna Wilson • Moderator: Deb Adams, CT |
| 4:45 | Housekeeping - Announce Scholastic Light Award Dinner |
| 5:00 | Meeting Adjourns |
| 6:00 | Scholastic Light Award Dinner |
| Friday - June 6, 2014 | |
| 7:30- 8:45 | Breakfast and Networking |
| 8:45 – 9:00 | Agenda Overview and Reflections on Day 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anna Severens, NV |
| 9:00 - 9:45 | Voices from the Field: Teachers and Leaders (Birth to grade 3) living the work: Challenges and successes of policy implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minnesota Teachers and Leaders • Moderator: Deb Adams, CT |
| 9:45 - 10:15 | Research Findings with Implications for Policy to Improve Teaching Quality <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Barnett, Director of NIEER, Principal Investigator CEELO Bio here |
| 10:15- 11:00 | What have RTT-ELC States Learned about State Leadership to Improve Teaching Quality: Lessons Learned for All States Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cecelia Fisher-Dahms, CA • Lucy Roberts, NC • Michele Palermo, RI • Moderator: Jim Lesko, RTT-ELC TA |
| 11:00-11:15 | Break |
| 11:15-12:15 | Breakout 3: Regional Meetings- Sharing and Planning for On-Going Learning <i>States convene by regions to discuss the successes and challenges they face as leaders in the region on how to promote a vision and policy to improve quality of teaching. Planning for follow-up technical assistance after the meeting.</i> |
| 12:15-12:30 | Stretch and set up for Lunch |
| 12:30-1:30 | Lunch <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rhiann Evans Allvin, President NAEYC Bio here |
| 1:30-2:30 | Future Directions of the NIEER State of Preschool Yearbook <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Steven Barnett, Director, National Institute for Early Education Research/CEELO • Megan Carolan, Policy Research Coordinator, NIEER/CEELO • James Squires, NIEER/CEELO |
| 2:30-3:30 | Provocation and Discussion: Elevating the Early Childhood Profession Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Harriet Egertson, historian, NAECS=SDE • Rolf Grafwallner, MD • Moderator: Jim Squires |
| 3:30-4:00 | Wrap-up & Adjourn |