



**Preschool Development Grantee Peer Exchange
Financing and Sustaining High Quality Preschool Programs**

August 9-10, 2016

[The Colonnade Hotel](#)

Colonnade East Ballroom

AGENDA

Goals of the Meeting:

1. Share approaches to determining adequacy of funding, including “true” costs of preschool quality and how states allocate funds.
2. Learn about best practices and approaches to ensuring funds are used efficiently, including blending and braiding funds to serve all children.
3. Gain a deeper understanding of how to develop a strategic financing plan that results in equitable access to high quality preschool programs.
4. Build stronger relationships and sharing among states to support continuous improvement of state-funded prekindergarten programs.

FINANCE PEER EXCHANGE WEBSITE: http://ceelo.org/pdg_peer_exchange_finance/

Tuesday, August 9th, 2016 12:00-5:00

| TIME | AGENDA |
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| Noon-12:45 PM | NETWORKING LUNCH (provided) |
| 12:45 PM | WELCOME AND ICE BREAKER |
| 1:00-2:00 | Data Gallery Walk: Adequacy of Funding for High Quality Preschool Programs Goal: Understand the data on costs and funding that drives policy decisions and ability to scale up access to high quality; identify how states are the same and differ on per child costs, funding sources, and sustainability strategies. States will walk around the room to review state specific data on costs, allocations, funding sources, and sustainability. |
| 2:00-3:15 | Strategic Financing To Ensure Adequate Funding for High Quality Preschool Programs Goal: Gain an understanding of the considerations in developing a cohesive, comprehensive strategic financing plan to address gaps in funding, leverages available resources, and considers the human and organizational capacities to expand access to high quality preschool programs. SPARKS: Planning for Sustainability and Scale Up in MA |



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| | Jocelyn Bowne and Carole Meehan, MA Department of Early Education and Care What Steps are Being Considered in CT to Create A Coherent, Integrated Funding Approach for all State Pre-k Programs , Harriet Feldlaufer, CT Office of Early Childhood Q & A Discussion |
| 3:15-3:30 | BREAK |
| 3:30-4:45 | Cross - State Sharing & State Team Time Goal: Learn more about other state’s strategies to use funding wisely to increase access to high quality and begin to identify specific state goals and priorities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3:30-4:00 Cross-state sharing #1 • Reflections • 4:15-4:45 State Team Time |
| 4:45-5:00 | Reflections on Day 1, preparing for Day 2 agenda |
| 6:00 PM | Dinner on your own, restaurant list to be provided |

Wednesday, August 10th, 2016 8:00-4:00

| TIME | AGENDA |
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| 8:00-8:30 AM | Breakfast on your own Gathering, opportunity for state-to-state interactions |
| 8:30-8:45 | Welcome and Overview of the Agenda |
| 8:45-10:15 | Increasing Public Financing for Scaling Up High Quality Preschool Goal: Understand public financing for early childhood, including the considerations for effectively using school funding formulas, pay for success bonds, and tax credits to increase public financing. Hear from a district leader on investing to improve quality in all settings. SPARKS: <i>Public Pre-K Financial Landscape</i> , Richard Kasmin, NIEER/CEELO <i>Scaling up High Quality PreK in Mixed Delivery Settings</i> , Jason Sachs, Executive Director of Early Childhood, Boston Public Schools Q & A discussion |
| 10:15-10:30 | BREAK |
| 10:30-11:30 | Cross - State and Role Alike Sharing Time |



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| | <p>Goal: Learn more about other state’s strategies to use funding wisely to increase access to high quality and identify common and unique challenges faced by other state staff with similar roles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 minutes - Cross-State Sharing #2: Each state will be paired with 1 or more states and given questions for discussion on increasing public financing.• 30 minutes- Role Alike Sharing #3: Each state will be paired with 1 or more states and given questions for discussion on increasing public financing. |
| 11:30-12:00 | <p>State Team time: State teams will have the opportunity to work together on a planning tool</p> <p>Goal: Continue to refine specific state specific goals, tasks and timelines.</p> |
| 12:00-1:00 | NETWORKING LUNCH |
| 1:00-2:00 | <p>Strategies to Maximize and Leverage Funds to Increase Quality and Access</p> <p>Goal: <i>Learn how different state’s support grantees in using funds from multiple sources (public and private) efficiently and effective strategies to allocate costs and blend and braid funds to serve all children.</i></p> <p>Panel: Karen Garver, NJ & Marykay McKinney, AR & Teresa Todd, TN</p> <p>Moderator: Theresa Hawley</p> <p>Q & A discussion</p> |
| 2:00-2:30 | <p>Cross-State Sharing</p> <p>Goal: Learn more about other state’s strategies to use funding wisely to increase access to high quality.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cross-state sharing #4- Each state will be paired with 1 or more states and given questions for discussion on strategies to maximize and leverage funds. |
| 2:30-2:45 | Break |
| 2:45- 3:45 | <p>State Team Time</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 30 mins - State Team Time: State teams will have the opportunity to work together to finalize your goals or you can have the option of meeting with another state that you’d like to talk further with. |
| 3:45-4:00 PM | Meeting Summary and Next Steps |