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**COST OF QUALITY EARLY LEARNING THINK TANK**

Note Taking Form

**DAY 1| May 16, 2018 2:30-3:00**

**Purpose and Context of the Meeting**

*Lori Connors-Tadros and Theresa Hawley*

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| With your colleagues discuss the following three questions:1. What is the one cost/financing issue that is keeping you up at night?2. How would things change if this issue was resolved?3. What’s at risk? What would happen if we don’t address this issue? |

**DAY 1| May 16, 2018 3:00-4:30**

**Anchoring our Discussion in Reality: Kentucky and Chicago**

*Kentucky: Cory Curly, Carlena Sheeran, Margaret Hulbert*

*Chicago: Samantha Aigner-Treworgy and Kate Ritter*

*Moderator: Theresa Hawley*

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| Notes from this session:How do the purpose, goals and intended uses of cost data drive the process?What are the most effective approaches to gathering accurate data? developing buy-in?What are the “early returns” from cost modeling processes for policy/systems development? | Aha! Moments |
| People I want to follow-up with during the Think Tank (either I want to share something or I need more info) | After the Think Tank… |

**DAY 2| May 17, 2018 8:50-10:30**

***What Do We Know* about collecting cost data that reflects true costs of quality given the realities of early learning systems at the state and local level?**

*Moderator: GG Weisenfeld*

*Facilitated Discussion: George Rickus, 3SI, Garrison Kurtz, WA, Simon Workman, CAP*

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| Notes from this session:Are there core principles of collecting and using cost data to inform policy?What are the “true” costs of quality, how do we get this data?How can cost studies more accurately reflect the realities of early learning systems at the state and local level? | Aha! Moments |
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**DAY 2| May 17, 2018 11:00-12:15**

***What Gets In The Way* of adequate and stable funding at the state and local level?**

*Moderator: Lori Connors-Tadros*

*Facilitated Discussion: Steve Barnett and Lynn Karoly*

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| Notes from the session:How can we increase the use of valid cost data in evidence-based policy?How does a state that wants to efficiently fund quality programs do the best job of making the right choices? What gets in the way of allocating resources to programs to support sustainable and stable funding?  | Aha! Moments |
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**DAY 2| May 17, 2018 1:00-2:30**

***What Is Needed* to communicate and influence funding decisions to support access to high quality early learning programs?**

*Moderator: Tracy Jost*

*State Sparks: Lisa Backer, MN, Dana Hepper, OR Children’s Institute*

*Advocacy Spark: Albert Wat*

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| Notes from the session:*Do cost studies lead to policy changes or are they purely an academic exercise?* *What information do policy makers need to make informed decisions, and what information do we need for advocacy? Do we confuse these two needs?* *How can we best leverage the communication materials created to advance individual state and national advocacy?* | Aha! Moments |
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**DAY 2| May 17, 2018 2:45-3:45**

***What’s Next* to drive policy and funding decisions on financing for high quality early learning programs?**

*Moderators: Lori Connors-Tadros and Theresa Hawley*

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| Notes from the session:*What are the* ***Top 5*** *“shared understandings and principles” of addressing costs in evidence-based policy?* *What are the* ***Top 5*** *capacities, research and tools needed in the next 1-3 years to increase adequate and stable funding for high quality early care and education?* | Aha! Moments |
| After the Think Tank… |

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