



## **Equity First: Strengthening an Equity Agenda for State Early Childhood Education Policy**

May 29<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>, 2019

Sponsored BY – CCSO ECEA-SCASS, NAECS-SDE, CEELO

**PURPOSE:** Build the capacity of participants to impact equity in early childhood education to address disparities, close achievement gaps and create positive child outcomes among learners Birth to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade.

As a result of the meeting, participants will develop a plan to take back to their state that identifies useful resources, good ideas, and new colleagues to support continued efforts to ensure equity for all young children.

Outcomes:

- Increase understanding and develop a shared language of how inequity impacts children and families.
- Increase knowledge of tools and strategies that state early childhood specialists can use to ensure more equitable services at the local level.
- Increase knowledge of the research on policy and practice that impacts equitable access to high quality early childhood education.

Four critical questions will be addressed during the meeting:

- How can state early childhood education (ECE) policy build on the strengths of families and communities to ensure equity for all?
- How can state early childhood education (ECE) policy effectively use data to identify disparities and set priorities for funding and policy?
- How can state early childhood education (ECE) policy build a coherent system from birth through third grade to ensure no child falls through the cracks?
- How can state early childhood education (ECE) policy ensure that teaching and learning encompasses the full range of development- social emotional, health, and academics?

### PRE-CONFERENCE DAY: Wednesday – May 29, 2019

8:30-3:00	CEELO Leadership Academy Fellows meeting (all fellows invited)
2:00-5:00	NAECS-SDE New Members Orientation and Committee Meetings
5:30-7:30	Welcome Reception

CONFERENCE DAY ONE: Thursday – May 30, 2019	
7:00-8:45	NAECS-SDE Business Meeting – Breakfast and Networking
8:45-9:15	Welcome and set up for the day - Hello from Sponsors and Invited Guests
9:15-10:15	Plenary – The Imperative to Set an Equity Agenda for Early Childhood Education (tentative title)
10:15-10:30	Break
10:30-12:00	Breakout Sessions on the 4 Critical Questions
12:00 -1:30	Lunch – Networking with Discussion Prompts
1:30-2:45	State Panel – Innovation and Opportunity in a State Equity Agenda for Early Childhood Education
2:45-3:15	Break
3:15-4:45	Breakout Sessions on the 4 Critical Questions
4:45-5:00	Break
5:00-5:30	Full Group Reflections and Adjournment
6:30	Light Award Reception and Dinner

CONFERENCE DAY TWO: Friday – May 31, 2019	
7:00-8:00	Breakfast and Networking
8:00-8:30	Welcome Back – Reflections on Day 1
8:30-9:45	Plenary – National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER) – Research to Inform an Equity Agenda for Early Childhood Education
9:45-10:00	Break
10:00-11:30	Breakout Sessions on the 4 Critical Questions
11:30-11:45	Break
11:45-1:00	Lunch and Networking
1:00-1:15	Break
1:15-3:00	Breakout Sessions on the 4 Critical Questions
3:15-4:30	Capstone Plenary – Opportunities to Promote and Equity Agenda in Early Childhood Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speakers TBD</li> <li>• State Respondents – Reflect on Their Goals and Opportunities</li> </ul>
4:30-5:00	Full Group Reflections and Action Commitments
5:00	Adjourn