



# NRCEC 2026 Agenda-At-A-Glance

Sessions labeled as **LIVE** will be live streamed.

<b>Monday, June 22</b>		
<b>9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ET</b> <b>Opening Plenary Session</b>	<b>LIVE</b> (101) <i>ACF Welcome Greetings</i> ▪ <i>Building Coordinated and Efficient State Early Childhood Systems that Deliver Results for Children and Families</i> Cynthia Osborne, Vanderbilt University Heather Rouse, Iowa State University	<b>SALONS 4-6</b>
<b>10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ET</b> <b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>LIVE</b> (102) <i>Impacts and Mediating Pathways: Findings from the Mother and Infant Home Visiting Program Evaluation (MIHOPE) and PlayReadVIP</i> Caitlin F. Canfield, NYU Grossman School of Medicine Andre D. Eaton, ParentChild+ Amy Taub, MDRC	<b>SALONS 4-6</b>
	<b>(103) Best Practices for Child Care Cost Estimation: Study Design, Data Collection, Analysis, and Reporting – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION</b> Amanda Danks, American Institutes for Research	<b>SALON AB</b>
	<b>(104) Building a Stable and Supported Early Care and Education Workforce: Evidence from State and Local Initiatives – POSTER SYMPOSIUM</b> Michelle Bezark, Northern Illinois University Erica Greenberg, Urban Institute Shannon Gultinan, NORC at the University of Chicago Theresa Hawley, Northern Illinois University Elli Nikolopoulos, Urban Institute Aida Pacheco-Applegate, NORC at the University of Chicago	<b>SALON J</b>
	<b>(105) Examples of Successful Alignment Between Early Childhood Systems: What Does it Take and What Does it Mean for Children and Families?</b> Rachel Chazan Cohen, University of Connecticut Margaret Gillis, SRI International David Morgan, Connecticut Office of Early Childhood Heather Thomas, A Place to Stand	<b>SALON K</b>
	<b>(106) Strengthening Tribal Child Care Systems: Data from Collaborative Approaches to Policy, Research, and Community Engagement in California</b> Kurt Gee, Gee Advisory Services Kim Nall, Tribal Child Care Association of California Joanne Roberts, Brazelton Touchpoints Center	<b>SALON FG</b>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET</b> <b>Breakout Sessions</b>	<b>LIVE</b> (107) <i>Building Centralized Intake Systems to Support Coordination of and Enrollment into Early Childhood Services and Education</i> Cathy Ayoub, Brazelton Touchpoints Center Alica Gerry, Tulane University Austin Reed, South Carolina First Steps Jill Spielfogel, Mathematica	<b>SALONS 4-6</b>

	<p><b>(108) Distinctive Features of the 2024 National Survey of Early Care and Education (NSECE) Data: Longitudinal Follow-Ups, State Estimates, Over-Time Comparisons, and Incorporating Geographic Information – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION</b></p> <p>Rupa Datta, NORC at the University of Chicago  Sarah Kabourek, NORC at the University of Chicago  Caroline Lancaster, NORC at the University of Chicago  Ilana Ventura, NORC at the University of Chicago  Claudia E. Zapata-Gietl, NORC at the University of Chicago</p>	<p>SALON AB</p>
	<p><b>(109) Exploring Potential Drivers of Early Care and Education Workforce Turnover</b></p> <p>Jamal Berry, Educare Washington, DC  Abby Bush, The Ohio State University  Isabelle Fares, University of Virginia  Laura Kuhn, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill  Sarah N. Lang, The Ohio State University  Tierah West, Virginia Department of Education</p>	<p>SALON C</p>
	<p><b>(110) Challenges and Motivators of Early Care and Education Providers' Participation in Subsidy Programs: Insights from Three States</b></p> <p>Kirby Chow, SRI Education  Rebecca Madill, Child Trends  Kate Miller-Bains, University of Virginia  Renee Williams, Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood</p>	<p>SALON H</p>
	<p><b>(111) Supporting Collaborative Research-Practice Partnerships to Improve Home Visiting for Native Families – POSTER SYMPOSIUM</b></p> <p>Deana Around Him, Child Trends  Amanda Bahrou, Intertribal Council of Michigan  Marla Alohilani Tam-Hoy Barhoum, Washington State University  Lisa Martin, Johns Hopkins University  Chelsea Wesner, University of Colorado, Anschutz  Nancy Rumbaugh Whitesell, University of Colorado, Anschutz</p>	<p>SALON J</p>
	<p><b>(112) Building and Evaluating an Initiative to Create the Ideal Early Childhood System</b></p> <p>Erica Greenberg, Urban Institute  Theresa Hawley, Northern Illinois University  Laura Jimenez Parra, Urban Institute  Marica Cox Mitchell, Bainum Family Foundation  Elizabeth Pufall Jones, University of California, Berkeley</p>	<p>SALON K</p>
<p><b>3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. ET</b>  <b>Poster Session</b></p>	<p><b>Poster Session A</b></p> <p><i>Topics presented include:</i></p> <p>Access and Utilization of Services; Assessment/Measurement/Methods/Tools; Child Outcomes/School Readiness; Child Welfare; Early Childhood Systems: Coordination, Alignment, Financing/Cost; Effectiveness/Quality/Instructional Practice; Families: Family Engagement/Family Well-Being/Parenting/Parent-Child Relationship; Health; Home Visiting; Leadership/Program Administration; Literacy; Partnerships for Effectiveness: Comprehensive Service Delivery/Partnerships/Community Collaborations</p>	<p>SALONS 1-3</p>

<p><b>9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ET</b> Breakout Sessions</p>	<p><b>LIVE (201) <i>The Effects of New Parenthood, Child Maltreatment Investigations, and Child Care Subsidies on Family Socioeconomic Outcomes</i></b> Seth Chizeck, Allegheny County Department of Human Services Becky Czekaj-Dengler, Pennsylvania Early Learning Resource Center Lindsey Lacey, Allegheny County Department of Human Services Jimmy Lin, Massachusetts Institute of Technology Diana Martinez, Allegheny County Department of Human Services</p>	<p>SALONS 4-6</p>
	<p><b>(202) <i>Cultivating a Father-Friendly Head Start Program: Learning From a Multi-Year Research/Practitioner Partnership – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION</i></b> Wendy Blackwell, Center for Urban Families Imani Hutchinson, MEF Associates</p>	<p>SALON AB</p>
	<p><b>(203) <i>Evidence and Insights to Strengthen Cost-Based Approaches to Early Care and Education Policy</i></b> Jeanna Capito, Prenatal-to-Five Fiscal Strategies Nina Johnson, ICF Owen Schochet, Mathematica Simon Workman, Prenatal to Five Fiscal Strategies</p>	<p>SALON C</p>
	<p><b>(204) <i>Building the Evidence Base on Early Childhood Education Apprenticeships: A Promising Strategy for Supporting the Competencies of the Early Childhood Workforce</i></b> Binal Patel, Neighborhood Villages Tricia DelGrosso, Urban Institute Annie Li, Mathematica Elizabeth Pufall Jones, Center for the Study of Child Care Employment</p>	<p>SALON H</p>
	<p><b>(205) <i>Multilevel Insights on School Readiness: The Role of Parent–Child, Digital, and Community Contexts</i></b> Mohammad Jahanaray, Virginia Commonwealth University Christina Stephens, Rutgers University Yuyan Xia, Virginia Commonwealth University Yuqi Zhang, Virginia Commonwealth University</p>	<p>SALON K</p>
	<p><b>(206) <i>State-Funded Pre-K in Mixed Delivery Systems: Perspectives on Policies and Funding in Non-Public School Settings</i></b> Ami Brooks, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education Karin Garver, Rutgers University Anny Gonzalez, Casa MAKV Montessori Erin Harmeyer, Rutgers University Alison Hooper, University of Alabama GG Weisenfeld, Rutgers University</p>	<p>SALON FG</p>
<p><b>10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ET</b> Breakout Sessions</p>	<p><b>LIVE (207) <i>From Local Pilots to Lasting Infrastructure: System-Level Innovations in Early Childhood</i></b> Sara Gardner, University of Kansas Sushmita Samaddar, University of Kansas Jessica Sprague-Jones, University of Kansas Nicole Stevens, University of Kansas</p>	<p>SALONS 4-6</p>
	<p><b>(208) <i>Emerging Scholars Research and Mentoring Event</i></b> (Pre-Registration Required)</p>	<p>SALON AB</p>

	<p><b>(209) <i>Opening Doors for the Youngest Learners: How State Subsidy Policies Shape Infant and Toddler Care Access</i></b></p> <p>Sara Amadon, Child Trends          Anna Brouillette, Building Bright Futures          Sihong Liu, Stanford University          Gerilyn Slicker, University of Nevada, Las Vegas</p>	<p>SALON C</p>
	<p><b>(210) <i>Unpacking the Drivers of Workforce Turnover and Classroom Quality in Early Childhood Education</i></b></p> <p>Justin Chen-Doromal, Urban Institute          Deiby Mayaris Cubides Mateus, University of Virginia          Michelle Taylor, California State University, Long Beach          Flora S. Ziprin, University of California, Los Angeles</p>	<p>SALON H</p>
	<p><b>(211) <i>Parents, Teachers, and Babies: Building Communication and Teaming to Optimize Development – POSTER SYMPOSIUM</i></b></p> <p>Sheila Anderson, Weber State University          Rachel Chazan Cohen, University of Connecticut          Vanessa Esquivel, University of Connecticut          Lisa Beth Fiore, Tufts University          Maria Fusaro, San Jose State University          Faith Marlow, Iowa State University          Carla A. Peterson, Iowa State University</p>	<p>SALON J</p>
	<p><b>(212) <i>The Future of Trauma-Informed ECE: Innovative Models to Support Trauma-Informed Early Care and Education Settings – POSTER SYMPOSIUM</i></b></p> <p>Cristina Barrera, Independent ECE Consultant          Whitney Barnett, Meharry Medical College          Nicola A. Conners Edge, University of Arkansas          Mehwish Dawood, Oregon State University          Claudia Kruzik, University of Maryland, College Park          Alysse Loomis, University of Utah          Amy Lynch, Temple University          Anna Sroka, Northwestern Feinberg School of Medicine</p>	<p>SALON FG</p>
<p><b>1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET          Breakout Sessions</b></p>	<p><b>LIVE (213) <i>Oral Language and Pre-Literacy in the Early Years: A Pedagogical Approach and Evidence from Two Programs</i></b></p> <p>Lori Walter Carro, University of North Florida          Katherine S. Kanupp, University of North Florida          Heather Monroe, University of North Florida          Theresa Stahlman, University of North Florida</p>	<p>SALONS 4-6</p>
	<p><b>(214) <i>Building a Sustainable Home Visiting Workforce System</i></b></p> <p>Jon Korfmacher, Chapin Hall          Heather Sandstrom, Urban Institute          Mariel Sparr, James Bell Associates          Allison West, Johns Hopkins University</p>	<p>SALON C</p>

	<p><b>(215) Fifteen Years of Progress in Supporting Healthy Weight Through Child Care Licensing</b>                  Kelly L. Dahl, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention                  Alison M. Pilsner, University of Colorado Anschutz                  Shaonan Wang, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</p>	<p>SALON H</p>
	<p><b>(216) Prices and Rates and Copays, Oh My! How Prices, Rates and Copays in State Subsidy Programs Influence Family and Provider Participation – POSTER SYMPOSIUM</b>                  Jonathan Borowsky, University of Minnesota                  Caroline Danielson, Public Policy Institute of California                  Elizabeth Davis, University of Minnesota                  Nikki Forry, Child Trends                  Julia Henly, University of Chicago                  Anne Huntington, EDC                  Jing Tang, Child Trends</p>	<p>SALON J</p>
<p><b>3:15 p.m. – 5:15 p.m. ET</b>  <b>Poster Session</b></p>	<p><b>Poster Session B</b>  <i>Topics presented include:</i>                  Access and Utilization of Services; Assessment/Measurement/Methods/Tools; Child Outcomes/School Readiness; Effectiveness/Quality/Instructional Practice;                  Families: Family Engagement/Family Well-Being/Parenting/Parent-Child Relationship/Parent Choice; Leadership/Program Administration;                  Partnerships for Effectiveness: Comprehensive Service Delivery/Partnerships/Community Collaborations; Professional Development and the Workforce</p>	<p>SALONS 1-3</p>

Wednesday, June 24

<p>9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. ET Breakout Sessions</p>	<p><b>LIVE (301) <i>Designing and Testing New Strategies for Increasing Participation of Children Involved in the Child Welfare System in Early Care and Education</i></b> Kirby Chow, SRI Education Jon Korfmacher, Chapin Hall Cynthia L. Tate, BUILD Initiative</p>	<p>SALONS 4-6</p>
	<p><b>(302) <i>Mentoring Session for Emerging Scholars in Home-Based Child Care – PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SESSION</i></b> Juliet Bromer, Erikson Institute Rena Hallam, University of Delaware Marisa Schlieber, Erikson Institute</p>	<p>SALON AB</p>
	<p><b>(303) <i>From Systems to Services: Exploring State- and Program-Level Approaches to Early Care and Education Financing</i></b> Michelle Bezark, Northern Illinois University Cristina Carazza, NORC at the University of Chicago Yvette Sanchez Fuentes, Start Early Amanda Stein, Start Early</p>	<p>SALON C</p>
	<p><b>(304) <i>Critically Examining Linkages Between State Subsidy Policy Variation and Provider Subsidy System Participation</i></b> Marialejandra Guzman Cruz, The Ohio State University Marty Elquist, The Children's Cabinet Pricella Morris, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Zhiling Shea, University of Nevada, Las Vegas Gerilyn Slicker, University of Nevada, Las Vegas</p>	<p>SALON H</p>
	<p><b>(305) <i>Strengthening the Home Visiting Workforce: Multi-State Evaluation Efforts to Understand and Advance Professional Well-Being and Retention – POSTER SYMPOSIUM</i></b> David E. Bard, University of Oklahoma Tabitha Fleming, University of Oklahoma Heather Johnson, University of Alabama, Birmingham Anne Lilly, Johns Hopkins University Laura Sherman, Division of Home Visiting and Early Childhood Systems, HRSA Nicole Stevens, University of Kansas</p>	<p>SALON J</p>
	<p><b>(306) <i>Examining the Interplay Between Child Care and Pre-Kindergarten in K-12 Public School Systems</i></b> Caroline Danielson, Public Policy Institute of California Jennifer K. Duer, Rutgers University Brett Guinan, Public Policy Institute of California Judy Temple, University of Minnesota Hannah Matthews, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, District of Columbia</p>	<p>SALON K</p>
<p>10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. ET Breakout Sessions</p>	<p><b>LIVE (307) <i>Advancing Career Pathways in Early Childhood Education: Systems, Strategies, and Workforce Insights</i></b> Kimberlee Belcher, National Workforce Registry Alliance Laura Lessard, University of Delaware Elizabeth Pufall Jones, University of California, Berkeley Cheryl Varghese, University of Texas</p>	<p>SALONS 4-6</p>

	<p><b>(308) <i>Expanding Definitions of Quality: Strengthening Measurement and Understanding in Home-Based Child Care</i></b>                  Juliet Bromer, Erikson Institute                  Alison Hooper, University of Alabama                  Annie Li, Mathematica                  Tammy Walker, Alabama Department of Early Childhood Education</p>	<p>SALON C</p>
	<p><b>(309) <i>Infant and Toddler Policies, Demand, Cost, and Parent Experiences: Descriptive Research Findings</i></b>                  Jessie Coe, RAND                  Christin Dunham, Urban Institute                  Sangyoo Lee, University of Nebraska                  Hannah Matthews, Office of the State Superintendent of Education, District of Columbia                  Diane Schilder, Urban Institute</p>	<p>SALON H</p>
	<p><b>(310) <i>Relational Systems in Early Head Start and Head Start: Multi-Level Insights to Strengthen Services for All – POSTER SYMPOSIUM</i></b>                  Jason T. Downer, University of Virginia                  Xavier Elzie, University of Virginia                  Erin G. Fox, The Ohio State University                  Lieny Jeon, University of Virginia                  Sarah N. Lang, The Ohio State University                  Kaitlyn Newell, National Head Start Association                  Ying Zhang, Clarkson University</p>	<p>SALON J</p>
<p><b>1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET</b>  <b>Closing Plenary Session</b></p>	<p><b>LIVE (311) <i>The Power and Potential of Early Childhood Systems to Prevent Child Maltreatment and Improve Safety, Stability, and Well-Being for Children in Foster Care: A Research Synthesis</i></b>                  Sacha Klein, Michigan State University</p>	<p>SALONS 4-6</p>