



Family Engagement Summit

Involvement to Engagement

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The Conference Center at the Maritime Institute
Linthicum Heights, MD

Speaker



Linda K. Smith

Linda Smith is the Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison for Early Childhood Development for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). Ms. Smith provides overall policy coordination for the Head Start and Early Head Start Program and the Child Care and Development Fund, and serving as the liaison with the U.S. Department of Education and other federal agencies. Her office serves as a focal point for early childhood policy at the federal level. Smith previously served as the executive director for the National

Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA), where she represented more than 650 community-based agencies concerned with the care of children in their earliest years. Ms. Smith is a graduate of the University of Montana.

Prior to joining NACCRRA, Smith served as a legislative fellow and professional staffer on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee under the Chairmanship of the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy and the director of the Office of Family Policy for the Secretary of Defense, where she was one of the primary architects of the military's child care program.

Facilitator



Jeffrey Capizzano

Jeffrey Capizzano is President and Founder of The Policy Equity Group, LLC, a consultancy that empowers socially conscious organizations by providing advocacy, research, and communications support. He is a nationally known advocate and researcher with both private and public sector experience. Prior to founding his consultancy, Mr. Capizzano was a Senior Policy Advisor for Early Childhood Development and Education at the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). He also worked for

seven years at the Urban Institute conducting policy-related research in the areas of early childhood and K-12 education.

Program

<i>Breakfast and Networking</i>	<i>9:00 am</i>
<i>Welcome</i> <i>Co-Chairs, Maryland Family Engagement Coalition</i> Louise J. Corwin, Executive Director Ready At Five Dorothy Stoltz, Programming & Outreach Services Manager Carroll County Public Library	<i>9:30 am</i>
<i>Keynote - Next Steps</i> <i>Continuing Maryland's Vision for Engaging Families with Young Children</i> Linda K. Smith, Deputy Assistant Secretary and Inter-Departmental Liaison Early Childhood Development for the Administration for Children and Families (ACF), DHHS	<i>9:45 am</i>
<i>Break</i>	<i>10:45 am</i>
<i>Panel Discussion – Various Perspectives on Family Engagement</i> Jeff Capizzano, President, The Policy Equity Group, Facilitator Pam Myers, Principal, Cranberry Elementary School, Carroll County Angela Whitaker, Co-Director, Catholic Charities Head Start, Baltimore City Dayana Muniz, Family Support Worker, CentroNia, Montgomery County Carmen Bermudez, Parent	<i>11 am</i>
<i>Featured Family Engagement Initiatives</i> Communications/Technology Plan Jeff Capizzano Family Engagement Web Modules & Using Technology to Engage Families Robin Hopkins, Ready At Five Family Engagement Toolkit Cynthia LaMarca Lessner, MSDE, Division of Early Childhood Development	<i>12:00 pm</i>
<i>Lunch</i>	<i>12:30 pm</i>
<i>Workshops</i> <i>Cultural Proficiency</i> Nora Morales, Mid-Atlantic Equity Center <i>Accountability and Collaboration</i> Barbara Squires, Annie E. Casey Foundation <i>Outreach and Working with your Pediatricians</i> Paula Minsk, American Academy of Pediatrics – MD Chapter <i>Judy Centers and Community Partnerships</i> Cheryl DeAtley, MSDE, Division of Early Childhood Development Jody Burghardt, Montgomery County Judy Center at Gaithersburg Kate Carneval, Anne Arundel County Judy Center <i>Family Engagement and Children with Disabilities</i> Beth Boyle, Johns Hopkins University <i>Parent Focus Group – Extension of Panel Discussion: Various Perspectives on Family Engagement</i>	<i>1:30 pm</i>
<i>Adjournment</i>	<i>3:00pm</i>

Thank You

We would like to thank W.K. Kellogg Foundation for the opportunity to continue the efforts of Maryland's Family Engagement Coalition, allowing Maryland's young children and families to work together with their providers as partners in their child's early education and care.

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My Commitment to Action