



**Southern Regional Forum on Collaboration and Coordination
Across Early Care and Education Programs**

June 25-26, 2003

Park Hyatt Washington

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Agenda

Wednesday, June 25, 2003

12:30 PM

*Park Ballroom Foyer
Ballroom Level*

Registration

2:00 PM

*Park Ballroom
Ballroom Level*

Welcome and Opening Remarks

*Sarah C. Shuptrine, President and CEO
Southern Institute on Children and Families*

2:15 PM

Early Literacy Collaborative Efforts

Moderator:

*Bob Harbison, Retired Businessman and Child Advocate
Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness*

Panelists:

*Janie Huddleston, Director
Child Care and Early Childhood Education
Arkansas Department of Human Services*

*Deborah Neill, Director
Adult and Child Care Programs
Tennessee Department of Human Services*

Audience Q & A

3:15 PM

**Quality Universal Pre-Kindergarten
Collaborative Efforts**

Moderator:

*Thelma Brittain, Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Human Services*

Panelists:

*Robert Lawrence, Ph.D., Assistant Director
Georgia Office of School Readiness*

*Cathy R. Jones, Ed.D., Coordinator
Early Childhood/Even Start
West Virginia Department of Education*

*Kay Tilton, Director
Child Care Services
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources*

Audience Q & A

4:15 PM

Break

4:30 PM

Comprehensive Professional Development Systems

Moderator:

*Nancy vonBargen, Director
Division of Child Care
Oklahoma Department of Human Services*

Panelists:

*Nancy Newberry, Principal Assistant
Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development, Kentucky*

*Sue Russell, President
Child Care Services Association, North Carolina*

Audience Q & A

5:30 PM

**Developing a Strong State Collaborative:
A Case Study**

Moderator:

*Carrie Thornhill, Vice President
Youth Investment & Community Outreach
DC Agenda*

Panelists:

*Dee Cox, Program Manager
Arkansas Department of Education*

*Janie Huddleston, Director
Child Care and Early Childhood Education
Arkansas Department of Human Services
Ann Patterson, Director
Arkansas Head Start State Collaboration Project*

*Tonya Russell, Head Start Director
Community Action Program for Central Arkansas*

*Susan Underwood, Program Coordinator
Grant Initiatives and Early Childhood Education
Arkansas Department of Education*

Audience Q & A

Reception

6:00 PM

*Windsor Park Room
Lobby Level*

Thursday, June 26, 2003

7:30 AM

*Windsor Park Room
Lobby Level*

Buffet Breakfast

8:30 AM

*Park Ballroom
Ballroom Level*

Major Federal Early Care and Education Initiatives and How We Are Collaborating at the Federal Level

Moderator:

*Virginia T. Lodge, Commissioner
Tennessee Department of Human Services*

Panelists:

*Joan E. Ohl, Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
US Department of Health and Human Services*

*Jill D. Stewart, Education Program Specialist
Early Reading First
US Department of Education*

Audience Q & A

9:45 AM

Break

10:15 AM

Federal and State Panel Discussion on Collaboration

Moderator:

*Sarah C. Shuptrine, President and CEO
Southern Institute on Children and Families*

Panelists:

*Fred Boothe, Commissioner
Bureau for Children and Families
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources*

*Shannon Christian, Associate Commissioner
Child Care Bureau
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
US Department of Health and Human Services*

*Barbara Ferguson Kamara, Executive Director
Office of Early Childhood Development
District of Columbia Department of Human Services*

*Joan E. Ohl, Commissioner
Administration on Children, Youth and Families
US Department of Health and Human Services*

*Ramona Paul, Ph.D., Assistant State Superintendent
Professional Services Division
Oklahoma State Department of Education*

*Ann Segal, President
Action Strategies*

*Sheila Skiffington, Project Director
Education Development Center
Quality in Linking Together (QUILT) Project*

*Jill D. Stewart, Education Program Specialist
Early Reading First
US Department of Education*

Phyllis Stubbs-Wynn, M.D., M.P.H., Branch Chief

*Infant and Child Health
Maternal & Child Health Bureau
US Department of Health and Human Services*

*Linda Zang, Director
Maryland Head Start Collaboration Office
Governor's Office for Children, Youth and Families*

Audience Q & A

11:45 AM

Closing Remarks

*Sarah C. Shuptrine, President and CEO
Southern Institute on Children and Families*

12:00 PM

Adjournment