Healthy Starts: Tools for Early Childhood Success

Tuesday, Jul. 31 | 10:15 am-12:00 pm
Convention Center 408 AB

Description: Children spend their first five years with parents and other caretakers in a variety of settings, all of which have impacts on their growth. What are the building blocks they need for a healthy start and successful development? Hear from experts on early brain development and the implications for state policy as it relates to children’s mental and physical health and social and emotional development.

Moderator: Lonnie Edgar, Mississippi Joint Legislative Committee on Performance Evaluation and Expenditure Review

Speakers:
- Pat Levitt, Ph.D., Chief Scientific Officer, Children’s Hospital Los Angeles
- Alan Mease, M.D., Arkansas Department of Health
- Representative Ruth Kagi, Washington
- Senator Thomas Alexander, South Carolina
- Representative Michaele Solages, New York

Draft Agenda

10:15-10:20 am Welcome, Agenda & Introductions
10:20-10:30 am Washington’s Story: Using the Science to Inform Policy
10:30-10:55 am The Science: Brain architecture, toxic stress, epigenetics, etc.
10:55-11:20 am The State Role: Using the Science to inform Policy and Programs
11:20-11:35 am State Legislative Response
11:35-11:55 am Q&A