#### **AGENDA**

# Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission Wednesday, September 8, 2021 10:00 a.m.

# Senate Committee Room 357 State Capitol Building

10:00 a.m. Welcome

Senator Janet Buckner, Chair

#### 10:05 a.m. Early Child Care Workforce

- Workforce Updates from the Colorado Department of Higher Education
  - o Dr. Brittany Lane, Director of Educator Preparation
  - Sondra Ranum, Director of ECE Workforce Policy
- Report on Home-Based Child Care
  - o M. Michael Cooke, Colorado State Director, Council for Strong America
- On the Ground Perspective
  - o Amber Bilby, Director of a Family Child Care Home
  - Lacey Rubick, ABC Child Development Centers of Weld County
- Family, Friend and Neighbor Care Workforce
  - o Lorena Garcia, Executive Director, Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition

#### 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

#### 12:45 p.m. Community and Family Strengthening Efforts

- Safe Child Care Task Force Update
  - Representative Mary Young, Task Force Member
  - Laura Hazen, Task Force Facilitator
- Home Visiting Investment Plan
  - o Kendra Dunn, Director, Division of Community & Family Support, OEC
  - Alexa Chenoweth, parent participant & HV Investment Task Force member
- Panel Presentation #1
  - Maegan Lokteff, Executive Director, Early Childhood Cntr Leadership Assoc.
  - o Mark Kling, Executive Director, Family Resource Center Association

## 2:30 p.m. Mental Health in Early Childhood and the Early Child Care Workforce

- Panel Presentation #2
  - Heather Craiglow, Head Start Collaboration Director, OEC
  - o Jennifer Sommer Shepard, Aurora Mental Health Consultant & Supervisor
- Panel Presentation #3
  - Dr. Shannon Bekman, Director, Right Start for Colorado
  - Taran Schneider, Executive Director, Healthy Child Care Colorado
  - Dr. Sarah Davidon, Children's Mental Health Consultant

### 3:45 p.m. Public Testimony

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