

## AGENDA

### Early Childhood and School Readiness Legislative Commission

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

9:00 a.m.

House Committee Room 0112

State Capitol Building

**9:00 a.m. Welcome**

- *Representative Emily Sirota, Chair*

**9:05 a.m. Workforce Development**

- Workforce-related Legislative Updates from the CO Department of Early Childhood
  - *Angela Ben-Zekry, ECE Recruitment and Retention Manager*
  - *Stephenie Hickman, Early Childhood/Child Care Workforce Manager*
  - *Dr. Whitney LeBouef, Director, Data Integration & Analytics, Colorado Evaluation & Action Lab*
- Panel on Apprenticeships
  - *Julia Brink, QI Program Coordinator, Child Care Innovations, Red Rocks Community College*
  - *Dr. Lissanna Follari, Associate Professor, Teaching & Learning, University of Colorado Colorado Springs*
  - *Vail Shoultz-McCole, MA Ed - Buell Fellow, Early Childhood Education Faculty, Colorado Mesa University/Western Colorado Community College*
- Community Innovation and Resilience for Care and Learning Equity (CIRCLE) Grants
  - *Angela Rothermel, Deputy Director, Early Milestones Colorado*
  - *Kacee Miller, Portfolio Director, Early Milestones Colorado*
- Updates from the Colorado Department of Higher Education
  - *Sondra Ranum, Director of ECE Workforce Policy*
  - *Mitch Karstens, Chief Financial Officer*

**12:30 p.m. Lunch Break**

**1:30 p.m. Health and Wellness**

- Panel: Impacts of Family Indicators and Economic Challenges on Children's Mental and Physical Health
  - *Casey Stockstill, Research Director, Early Milestones Colorado*
  - *Melissa Mares, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives, Colorado Children's Campaign*
- Panel: Supporting the General Health and Wellness of Children and Families
  - *Taran Schneider, Executive Director, Healthy Child Care Colorado*
  - *Lorena Garcia, Executive Director, Colorado Statewide Parent Coalition*
  - *Dr. Lisa Schlueter, Early Childhood Mental Health, Colorado Department of Early Childhood*

**Public Testimony**

**Adjourn**