



NC Early Childhood Summit

..... SUPPORTING YOUNG CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES

FEB. 27, 2019 • 10 A.M. – 3:30 P.M. • RALEIGH CONVENTION CENTER

AGENDA

- 9 a.m. Registration** (SOUTH HALLWAY)
- 10 a.m. Morning Kick-Off:** (ROOM 301AB) Susan Perry-Manning, *Principal Deputy Secretary, NCDHHS*
- 10:05 a.m. Introduction and Overview of the NC Early Childhood Action Plan:** Dr. Mandy Cohen, *Secretary, NCDHHS*
- 10:25 a.m. Welcome:** The Honorable James B. Hunt Jr.
- 10:40 a.m. Remarks:** Governor Roy Cooper
- 11:10 a.m. Panel 1: Healthy**
FACILITATOR: Elizabeth Cuervo Tilson, *State Health Director; Chief Medical Officer, NCDHHS*
PANELISTS: Keisha L. Bentley-Edwards, *Associate Director of Research, Cook Center on Social Equity; Assistant Professor of Medicine, Duke University*
Heather Jernigan Garrity, *Program Manager for Healthy Beginnings and Parents as Teachers, Coalition for Families in Lee County*
Sarah Verbiest, *Director, Jordan Institute for Families; Executive Director, Center for Maternal and Infant Health, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*
- 12 p.m. Transition**
- 12:15 p.m. Invocation:** (ROOM 302) Rev. Reuben C. Blackwell IV, *President and CEO, Opportunities Industrialization Center, Inc.; Pastor, Cornerstone Community Christian Church*
Remarks: First Lady Kristin Cooper
- 12:20 p.m. Lunch and Keynote:** Dr. Jack P. Shonkoff, *Julius B. Richmond FAMRI Professor of Child Health and Development at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health and the Harvard Graduate School of Education; Professor of Pediatrics, Harvard Medical School and Boston Children's Hospital; Director of the Center on the Developing Child, Harvard University*
- 1:20 p.m. Transition**
- 1:30 p.m. Afternoon Kick-Off:** (ROOM 301AB) Rebecca Planchard, *Senior Early Childhood Policy Advisor, NCDHHS*
- 1:30 p.m. Panel 2: Safe and Nurtured**
FACILITATOR: Alycia Blackwell-Pittman, *Senior Human Services Policy Advisor, NCDHHS*
PANELISTS: Aurora Boyer, *Orange County Head Start/Early Head Start Home Based Coordinator*
Betty Rintoul, *Executive Director, Encouraging Connections*
Cindy Watkins, *President, North Carolina Partnership for Children*
- 2:15 p.m. Panel 3: Learning and Ready to Succeed**
FACILITATOR: Susan Perry-Manning, *Principal Deputy Secretary, NCDHHS*
PANELISTS: Stephanie Fanjul, *Former President, North Carolina Partnership for Children*
Meka Sales, *Director of Special Initiatives, The Duke Endowment*
Lynne Vernon-Feagans, *William C. Friday Distinguished Professor, Emeritus in the School of Education at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Senior Scientist, Frank Porter Graham Child Development Institute*
- 3 p.m. Closing: Time to Take Action!** Dr. Mandy Cohen, *Secretary, NCDHHS*
Sheila Arias, *Parent; Campaign Associate, MomsRising*

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