Redesigning child care to promote education, support families and build communities

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This session....

• Principles driving community initiatives

• Community wide efforts across the country

• Introduction of the panel
The early years matter!
The domains of development are integrated: therefore a system has to address the holistic needs of children

- Social
- Emotional
- Physical
- Cognitive
- Language
The family and community as system of support for young children

Children grow up in families
Families live in communities
Communities affected by policies

The Ecology of Child Development
Urie Bronfenbrenner
One period of development builds on another—a life course approach to system.

- **Prenatal**
- **Age 3**
- **Preschool**
- **Primary**
Place based strategies: What’s the buzz?
Infrastructure

Coordination/Leadership

Civic engagement

Data system

Financing
Services and supports

Health access

Family support and Connection

Hub for quality child care

Linkages to schools
Community Climate

- Social Networks
- Healthy food
- Green play spaces
- Safe neighborhoods
- Community and Family Economic Development and Affordable Housing
Out with the old...in with the bold!

- Learning begins at school or preschool
- Focus on children or families
- Health or education
- States or communities
- Policy development from the top

- Learning begins at birth and takes place in child care and other settings
- Children and families-
- Health and education
- States and communities
- Policy development from the bottom up- engaged citizen action
Elements of quality child care

• Safety and hygiene
• Adequate space and age appropriate environment
• Adequate number of staff
• Small groups
• Well prepared and supported staff
• Developmental curriculum and Individualized programming
• Responsive caregivers and reflective supervision
• Continuity of care
• Family engagement and cultural responsiveness
• Connections to family supports
• Nutrition promotion
• Access to health and mental health supports
Today’s Panel

- Michelle Suarez, Prosper Lincoln
- Megan Garcia, Public Health Solutions, Rooted in Relationships
- Melissa Kelly, Pender Community Hospital
Prosper Lincoln—Early Childhood Systems Change

Prosper Lincoln Early Childhood Systems Change 2018-2019

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Proper Lincoln-Impacting Families