



Workforce and Quality Community Convening

Thursday, May 11, 2023

Norwalk Community College

Norwalk, Connecticut

11:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Agenda

- 11:30 – 12:10 Lunch, Resource Exchange, and Networking
- 12:15 – 12:25 Welcome
- The Honorable Harry Rilling
Mayor of Norwalk
 - Cheryl DeVonish
Chief Executive Officer | Norwalk Community College
- 12:25 – 12:35 Community Conversations: Goals and Expectations
- The Honorable Beth Bye
Commissioner | Connecticut Office of Early Childhood
 - Dr. Dan Wuori
Senior Director of Early Learning | The Hunt Institute
- 12:35 – 1:35 Leading for Young Children
- Dr. Junlei Li
Co-Chair, Human Development and Education Programs, and Saul Zaentz Senior Lecturer in Early Childhood Education | Harvard Graduate School of Education
- 1:35 – 2:25 The Voices of Connecticut Leaders: Panel and Discussion Moderated by Dr. Dan Wuori
Senior Director of Early Learning | The Hunt Institute
- Georgia Goldburn
Executive Director | Hope for New Haven
 - Marc Jaffe
Chief Executive Officer | Children's Learning Centers of Fairfield County
 - Emily Peña
Family Child Care Partnership Manager | TEAM Inc.
 - Allyx Schiavone
Executive Director | Friends Center for Children
- 2:25 – 2:35 BREAK
- 2:35 – 3:35 Breakout Sessions

- 3:40 – 4:20 Early Childcare and Workforce, A National Perspective: Panel and Discussion Moderated by Dr. Dan Wuori
Senior Director of Early Learning | The Hunt Institute
- Erica Phillips
Executive Director | National Association for Family Child Care
 - Alissa Mwenelupembe
Managing Director of Early Learning | National Association for the Education of Young Children
- 4:25 – 4:55 Reflections on Connecticut’s Early Childhood Care and Education Workforce and Today’s Conversations
- Rhian Allvin
Chief Executive Officer | Brynmor Holdings
- 4:55 – 5:00 Concluding Remarks
- The Honorable Beth Bye
Commissioner | Connecticut Office of Early Childhood