

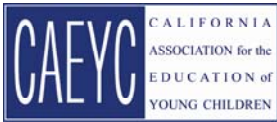


# STRONGER TOGETHER



California Association for Family Child Care

## Exploring Collective Advocacy for Children Birth to Five: California Meets Two Midwest Experiences



*An invited **Water Cooler** discussion for Early Education, Child Care, and Pre-Kindergarten through First Grade advocates and supporters*



**Friday, April 11, 2008  
10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**



East End Complex  
Department of Health Services Building  
1500 Capitol Avenue  
Training Rooms A – C  
Sacramento, California



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## Water Cooler AGENDA

- 10:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Welcome, Introductions, and Goals:  
Kris Perry, Executive Director, First 5 California
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Overview of Successful Birth to Five Advocacy: Kansas and Illinois
-  Anne Kirwan, Vice President, National Policy Consultation, Ounce of Prevention Fund
-  Jennifer Crow, Executive Director, Kansas Coalition for School Readiness
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Interstate Dialogue: Applications to the California Landscape
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|    | Lori Easterling, Legislative Advocate, California Teachers Association                            |    | Nancy Shier, Director, Kids Public Education and Policy Project, Ounce of Prevention Fund  |
|   | Francisco Estrada, Director of Public Policy, Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund |   | Elliot Regenstein, Senior Counsel, Holland & Knight, Co-chair, Governor's Early Learning Council; former Governor's Director of Education Reform             |
|  | Dr. Florence Nelson, Regional Manager for Policy, Western Office, ZERO TO THREE                   |  | Nora Moreno Cargie, Director, Global Corporate Citizenship of Boeing, former Vice President of Communications & Development for Illinois Action for Children |
|  | Holly Mitchell, Chief Executive Officer, Crystal Stairs, Inc.                                     |  | Sessy Nyman, Vice President, Public Policy and Government Affairs, Illinois Action for Children  |
|  | Arron Jiron, Program Officer, Packard Foundation  |  | Sara Slaughter, Director of Education Program, McCormick Tribune Foundation  |
|   |   |  | Larry Jacob, Partner, Dover Group, former Vice President of Greater Kansas City Community Foundation   |
- 12:15 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Box lunch and small group discussions: What have we learned? What may be different for California?
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Roundtable discussion: How people's current work fits into the larger effort for Birth to Five larger advocacy effort – open and voluntary sharing
- 2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Wrap-up and next steps: Kris Perry, Executive Director, First 5 California