



Breakout Session Guide

Breakout sessions are available to both in-person and virtual Seminar attendees.

Monday, September 15

<p>Session A</p>	<p>Turning Insight into Action: Advancing Child Care Through Data</p> <p>Presenters: Dawn Downer, TCC Solutions and Lisa Bellach, TCC Solutions</p>	<p>Oregon's Relative Pathway: Implementation of the national Kin-Specific Foster Home Approval Standards</p> <p>Presenters: Janna Owens, Oregon Department of Human Services, Child Welfare and Alicia O'Quinn, Oregon Department of Human Services, Child Welfare</p>	<p>A Safer System: Enhancing Care Through Background Checks</p> <p>Presenter: Jay W Calewarts, State of Michigan-LARA</p>	<p>Tools for Evolvment: Promoting Transparency, Consistency, & Quality in Licensing</p> <p>Presenters: Candace Gilbert, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning; Jennifer Bridgeman, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning; and Lacey Lewis, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning</p>
<p>Session B</p>	<p>The Results are In: The 2023 Child Care Licensing Study</p> <p>Presenter: Deborah Russo, PMP, NARA Consultant</p>	<p>Responding to Rising Heat: Protecting Vulnerable Populations in Care Settings</p> <p>Presenters: Donna M. Sabo, MAED, NARA and Elisabeth Repp, MHS, Children's Environmental Health Network</p>	<p>The Future is Happening: Early Insights from WeVision EarlyEd Solutions Lab Sites</p> <p>Presenters: Demetria Joyce, Bainum Family Foundation and Marica Cox Mitchell, Bainum Family Foundation</p>	<p>Special Workshop with Kevin Eikenberry, NARA's Opening Keynote Speaker</p>
<p>Session C</p>	<p>Building Partnerships Between Regulators and Providers</p> <p>Presenters: Tatanishia Armstrong, Virginia Department of Education and Dr. Alyson Williams, Virginia Department of Education</p>	<p>License to Lead: Building Trainings for Providers with Limited Resources</p> <p>Presenter: Mikki Streeter, State of Michigan LARA- BCHS AFC Division</p>	<p>Streamlining Compliance: Wisconsin's Child Care Provider Portal and Online Regulation Applications</p> <p>Presenters: Nicole Schneider, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families and Amber Corbit, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families</p>	<p>Anchored in Excellence: Solutions to Sustain Family Child Care Educators</p> <p>Presenters: Ronald Jarrett, National Association for Family Child Care and Andrea Maldonado, National Association for Family Child Care</p>

Don't miss the **Think Tanks** on **Monday** afternoon at 4:05 p.m. ET. You can choose a virtual or in-person option to connect with peers about current topics in your licensing area.

Tuesday, September 16

<p>Session D</p>	<p>From Policy to Practice: Anchoring Prevention in Childcare Licensing Standards</p> <p>Presenter: Alison Pilsner, University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus College of Nursing</p>	<p>Beyond Provider Licensing: Efficiency, Impact, and Improving Lives</p> <p>Presenter: Michelle Shaffer, GL Solutions</p>	<p>Anchoring New Hires for Success Through Professional Learning Communities</p> <p>Presenters: Melyn Smith, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and Kaycee Purvis, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning</p>	<p>Partnering for Children: Improving Lives Through Intergovernmental Collaboration</p> <p>Presenters: Monty Marsh, City of Madison; Amber Corbit, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families; and Nicole Schneider, Wisconsin Department of Children and Families</p>	
<p>Session E</p>	<p>Key Quality Indicators: The Next Puzzle Piece to Licensing Systems</p> <p>Presenters: Dr. Sonya Stevens, NARA and Dr. Rick Fiene, NARA</p>	<p>Anchoring Wellness: Managing Stress in the World of Child Care</p> <p>Presenters: Dr. Princess Walton, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning</p>	<p>Exploring Collaborative Strategies: The Early Childhood Education Staffing Crisis</p> <p>Presenters: Robert Gundling Ed.D., Sense of Wonder LLC and Angela Amechi, Mustard Seed Daycare</p>	<p>Licensing with Purpose: Reclaiming the Heart of Human Care Oversight</p> <p>Presenter: Maxine M. Maloney, Unapologetically S.H.E.</p>	<p>Two Decades of Collaborative Support for Licensing Through Workforce Registries</p> <p>Presenters: Jill Soto, New World Now; Christine Moldenhauer, The Registry Inc; and Amber Smith, Center for Early Childhood Professional Development</p>

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<p>Session F</p>	<p>North Dakota: Making the Move to a Fully Integrated Early Childhood Data System</p> <p>Presenters: Keira Reimer, New World Now; Carmen Traehold, North Dakota Health and Human Services; and Pam Palmer, New World Now</p>	<p>Anchored in Quality: A Strategic Model for Excellence in Licensing</p> <p>Presenters: Jennifer Johnson, Georgia Department of Early Care & Learning; Jennifer Waters, Georgia Department of Early Care & Learning; and Candace Gilbert, Georgia Department of Early Care & Learning</p>	<p>Beyond the Badge: Leadership Lessons from the Frontlines of Licensing</p> <p>Presenter: Maxine M. Maloney, Administration for Children & Families, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services</p>	<p>Empowering Providers: A Technical Assistance Model for Child Care Licensing</p> <p>Presenter: Eva Laguerre, OSSE</p>	<p>Navigating Interstate Background-Check Barriers: Excellence Challenges to Improve Childcare Hiring</p> <p>Presenters: Dr. Fuad Abujarad, Yale University; Christopher A. Loos, Pennsylvania Departments of Human Services and Education; and Jacob Poynter, Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential</p>
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Wednesday, September 17

<p>Session G</p>	<p>Handing Illegally Operating Care Programs</p> <p>Presenter: Jeffrey ""Jeff"" Williams, VA Dept of Education</p>	<p>From Distraction to Action: Regulatory Assessment of Executive Function as Foundation for Emotional Safety in Youth Programs</p> <p>Presenter: Dr. Sonia Toledo, Dignity of Children</p>	<p>Oregon's Comprehensive Child Care Licensing Rulemaking Project</p> <p>Presenters: Abby Strom, Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC); Alicia Gardiner, Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC); and Carol Petersen, Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care (DELIC)</p>
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On Demand Virtual Sessions

Child Care and Early Education Licensing: Perspectives from the Field

Presenters: Phoebe Harris, Child Trends; Nina Johnson, ICF; Amy Page, ICF; and Pam Stevens, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)

Achieving Excellence Through Collaboration: Certification, Licensing, and Workforce Registries

Presenters: Amy Livings; New World Now; Tara Stichter, The Pennsylvania Key; Amy Yagil, The Pennsylvania Key; and Kayla Todaro, DESE Office of Childhood

The Ripple Effect: How Workplace Wellness Affects the Crew

Presenters: Avonlea Michaels-Lamey, Administration for Children & Families, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services and Brooke Schapiro, Administration for Children & Families, U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

The Future of DEI

Presenter: Kim Carpenter, State of West Virginia

Practical Approaches to Integrating Professional Development at Every Level

Presenters: Candace Gilbert, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning and Codi Parham, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

Anchored in Excellence: Embracing Diversity - Bridging Generations and Cultures

Presenters: Keturah E. Hawkins, North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services

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