

GLR Learning Tuesdays Webinar

Day Care Myth Part 2: Creating Better State Systems for Children

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MODERATOR

Ellen Galinsky

President, Families and Work Institute

Author, *The Breakthrough Years* and *Mind in the Making*

Senior Research Advisor, AASA, The Superintendents Association



Ellen Galinsky is President of Families and Work Institute and the elected President of the Work and Family Researchers Network (WFRN). She also serves as senior research advisor to AASA, the School Superintendent Organization. Previous jobs include Chief Science Officer at the Bezos Family Foundation and faculty at Bank Street College. Her research has focused on work-life, child and adolescent development, youth voice, child-care, parent-professional relationship, and parental development. Galinsky is the author of *Mind in the*

Making, a best-selling book on early learning that the New York Times called “an iconic parenting manual,” and Judy Woodruff of the PBS NewsHour named “must reading for everyone who cares about America’s fate in the 21st Century.” Her book on adolescence, *The Breakthrough Years*, was published in March 2024 and involved nine-years of research, including three original studies. Adam Grant, author of *Hidden Potential* says that “it smashes common stereotypes of teens and tweens,” Dan Siegel, author of *The Whole Brain Child* calls it a “masterpiece;” Mitch Prinstein of the American Psychological Association says it is “a tour de force;” while Richard Lerner of Tufts University says it is a “superb contribution to science and society.” Known for her work on executive function (EF) skills, she’s been called the “OG of EF.” She is also the author of 90 books/reports and 360 articles for books, academic journals, magazines, and the Web. Other career highlights include serving as a parent expert in the Mister Rogers Talks to Parents TV series; being the elected President of the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC); and being elected to the National Academy of Human Resources. A popular keynote speaker, Galinsky has been a presenter at five White House Conferences, including the White House Conference on Teenagers in 2000. She has been featured regularly in the media, including appearances on Good Morning America, the Today Show, and The Oprah Winfrey Show.

PANELISTS

Berna Artis

President, District of Columbia Association for the Education of Young Children



Berna holds a B.A. in Teaching English as a Foreign Language (TEFL) and an M.A. in Early Childhood Education. She taught children aged two to 16 before transitioning to her leadership role in Early Childhood Education in 2006. Berna is passionate about supporting and advocating for diversity and equity in education. She has many years of experience working in the district and has supported a diverse population, including various family styles, ethnicities, socio-economic and educational backgrounds. Volunteering is a significant part of her life; she provides training for educators and participates in

various workgroups, such as the SECDCC Program Quality Committee and Early Childhood Educator Pay Equity Task Force. Berna served as VP for Programs on the DCAEYC Board and is actively involved in local early childhood advocacy efforts. She is the founder and CEO of Artful Education Consulting and teaches at the University of the District of Columbia.

Angela Garcia

CEO and Owner, Toy Box Early Learning and Child Care Center, New Mexico



Garcia grew up in the Early Childhood Education industry. Her mother founded The Toy Box in 2001. She took ownership and began working as the CEO in 2010, then expanded the program, opening a second location, The Toy Box Too in 2019. She is proud to work alongside her team at The Toy Box in their continued commitment in providing quality. It is her passion to provide quality early learning services and to advocate for the children and families in the state of New Mexico. She serves as the President of the New Mexico Child Care and Education Association collaborating with state officials and other

programs statewide improving quality and growing the early childhood industry.

Chris Jones

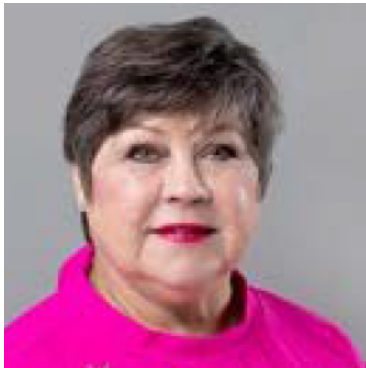
Former North Dakota HHS Commissioner



Christopher, formerly the Commissioner for ND Health and Human Services, led the integration of the state's Departments of Human Services and Health under Governor Doug Burgum's leadership. With approximately 19 years in corporate healthcare, primarily in strategy and business development roles, Christopher's transition to Cicero was driven by the realization of how poor state and federal policies impact healthcare costs and transparency.

Based in Bismarck, ND, he is motivated to advocate for truthful policy implementation to improve individuals' access to affordable healthcare. Christopher's policy work includes transforming reimbursement models in long-term care, expanding behavioral health services, and improving access to quality early childhood experiences. A Minnesota native raised in Indiana and North Dakota, Christopher holds degrees from Concordia College and the University of St. Thomas.

Martha Strickland
4K State Director, First Steps, South Carolina



Martha Strickland, State Director of 4K, SC First Steps, has over 35 years of experience in Early Childhood Education as a teacher, an elementary/early childhood principal and district early childhood director in public schools. She holds Masters' degrees in both Early Childhood Education and Elementary Administration and Supervision. The strong commitment to both public and private efforts has brought Martha to the work that she is most gratified of today- the combined mixed delivery system of Full Day Four-Year-Old

Kindergarten for SC First Steps 4K. Coming on board after the initial legislative expansion of the Child Early Reading Development and Education Program (CERDEP) in 2014, Martha continues to serve as the first 4K State Director.

Dan Wuori
Author, *The Daycare Myth*
Founder and President, Early Childhood Policy Solutions, LLC



With more than 30 years of early years leadership, Dr. Dan Wuori is the Founder and President of Early Childhood Policy Solutions, a bipartisan public policy consultancy focused on the needs of young children, their families, and the early years professionals who serve them. He serves concurrently as a Strategic Advisor on Early Childhood to the Saul Zaentz Charitable Foundation. In both roles – and in his prior position as the founding Director of Early Childhood at The Hunt Institute in Cary, North Carolina – Dr. Wuori has worked alongside governors and state legislators to improve early

years policy across the United States. His new book *The Daycare Myth: What We Get Wrong About Early Care and Education (and What We Should Do About It)* was released in the United States in September 2024. Upon its announcement, the book – which explores the costly disconnect between what we know about the science of early development and our public policy – spent a week at the top of Amazon's education, education reform and policy, and developmental psychology best sellers list, some six months before the book's actual release. It entered a second printing a month before its release.