



More Hopeful Futures or Children as Collateral Damage? Medicaid as Linchpin: Truth and Consequences

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Panelist Bios



MODERATOR

Robert K. Ross

**Former President and CEO
California Endowment**

Dr. Robert K. Ross has served as president and chief executive officer of The California Endowment, a private statewide foundation to address the health needs of Californians. He joined the Endowment in 2000 and retired from this leadership role in the fall of 2024. During his tenure, he advocated for and funded efforts across the state: expanding health coverage for undocumented residents, farmworkers, and “Dreamers;” strengthening diversity in the health workforce; improving wellness-driven school climate and policy reforms; advocating for the health of young men and women of color; and providing leadership for health-oriented criminal justice reform.

Dr. Ross has been involved in community and professional activities at both the local and national levels, including being elected to the AIR Board of Directors in 2024, served as founding board member of Covered California, chair of the Los Angeles County Task Force on Alternatives to Incarceration and on the President’s Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for African Americans and the Diversity in Philanthropy Coalition. He received his bachelor’s, master’s, and medical degrees from the University of Pennsylvania.



Paola Andjuar

**Senior Policy Specialist
National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)**

Paola Andjuar is the Senior Policy Specialist with NAEYC's Policy and Professional Advancement team. In this role, she is responsible for providing capacity-building support, resources and policy guidance to key decision-makers and advocacy leaders at the state and federal levels to advance the early childhood education profession. Paola has dedicated her career to advancing early childhood policy by collaborating with stakeholders and policymakers at the local, state, and national levels. Previously with ZERO TO THREE and the University of Maryland School of Social Work, her work focused on improving mental health systems for the prenatal-to-five population, Tribal home visiting, maternal health promotion, and infant mortality prevention. She began her career as an Early Head Start home visitor serving expectant families and young children in Pennsylvania.



Anne Dwyer, JD, MP
Associate Research Professor
Center for Children and Families
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Anne Dwyer is an Associate Research Professor at Georgetown University's McCourt School of Public Policy, focusing on Medicaid, CHIP, and behavioral health policy at the Center for Children and Families, including issues related to school-based Medicaid services. Previously, she served as Senior Health Counsel for the U.S. Senate Finance Committee, where she helped lead Medicaid and CHIP legislation, including the CHIP reauthorization and the American Rescue Plan. Anne holds a J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School and a Masters of Public Health from the University of Minnesota School of Public Health.



Moe Hickey
Executive Director
Voices for Utah Children

Maurice or "Moe" joined Voices in June 2019. Before joining Voices, Moe served as the Managing Director for the Park City Institute. He has spent years passionately developing early education opportunities in Summit County and has a deep understanding of Utah's education system. As President and Member of the Park City School Board, Moe advocated for solutions that would better support students, teachers, and Park City's growing community. Moe's knowledge and expertise will greatly add to Voices' growing momentum as we advocate for policies that bring real change for Utah's children.



The Honorable Jessica Schubel
Former Special Assistant to the President for Health Care
Founder, Day One Strategies

Jessica Schubel is the former special assistant to the president for health care and founder of Day One Strategies, where she helps to advance health and aging policy. Before joining the Biden White House, Schubel worked at CBPP where she examined Medicaid and other coverage issues. Prior to that role, she served as the senior policy adviser to the federal Medicaid director at CMS during the Obama administration and previously worked at DC's Medicaid agency. A native western New Yorker, Schubel graduated from Syracuse University and the George Washington University, and now lives in DC, with her dog.