



Organizational Updates on Potential Policy Priorities and Asks for the Coming Year Discussion

We will be using the organizational updates portion of the agenda to hear from each other. With a focus on the issue areas of **(1.) access, (2.) quality, (3.) affordability, (4.) infants & toddlers, and (5.) workforce**, we are asking all participants to share informal updates and ideas about the policy goals and asks that would be beneficial to pursue for young children in the upcoming year, or that your organization is working on. In order to maximize the time allotted for this segment of the meeting, Advancement Project has developed a list of questions to help guide your thought process for **EACH** focus area:

1. What are key policy goals and asks for the coming year for the field to keep in mind or that your organization is working on as they relate to access, quality, affordability, infants & toddlers and workforce?
2. How do we build on the momentum and success for ECE from past state budgets and legislation?
3. What are key ECE needs that are not currently being tackled?
4. What barriers may exist for the policy goals and asks that you're focused on?
5. What strategies can we use to overcome these barriers?
6. How do we balance the varying priorities in the room to be helpful to each other?

By working stronger together, the ECE quarterly Water Cooler meetings continue to nurture relationships between early care and education allies by identifying common interests and providing a space to elevate the needs of California's youngest children to the forefront of policy decisions.