

## Welcome Session

Wednesday, April 17, 2019

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. | *Constitution CDE*

### 1. Descriptive Information

<p><b>Welcome Session</b></p> <p>The CCEEPRC 2019 Annual Meeting will begin with a welcome to all Consortium members, including a brief overview of the goals and agenda for the meeting.</p>	<p><b><u>Welcome:</u></b></p> <p><b>Naomi Goldstein</b>, Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation (OPRE), Administration for Children and Families (ACF), will provide opening remarks.</p> <p><b>Scribe</b></p> <p><b>Katie Caldwell</b>, ICF</p>
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### 2. Brief Summary

- **Welcome from Naomi Goldstein:**
  - Naomi Goldstein Deputy Assistant Secretary for Planning, Research and Evaluation at ACF, welcomed this year's conference attendees. This is the first year that a live stream of the plenary sessions is available and Naomi was especially please to welcome far-flung colleagues.
  - CCEEPRC is now 24 years old, and OPRE's funding for early care and education research and evaluation has grown dramatically, especially over the past few years. All OPRE funded research is guided by the ACF Evaluation Policy and its five principles:
    - Rigor,
    - Relevance,
    - Transparency,
    - Independence; and
    - Ethics.
  - The Evidence Act was signed into law in January of this year and it requires federal agencies to enhance evaluation, make better use of federal data, and expand the accessibility of federal data to researchers and the public, while also enhancing privacy and confidentiality. This is what the Consortium is all about.
  - This is a great meeting because it is a working meeting and there is not a passive meeting goer in sight.
  - The agenda reflects the continued integration in the early care and education field and highlights diverse perspectives on issues related to non-traditional work hours, serving children and parents together, promoting equity in early care and education and the role of leadership in supporting quality.
  - Naomi ended her remarks by thanking those who contributed to meeting planning, including:
    - Carolyn Swaney and her team at ICF
    - Session planning and workgroup leads
    - Steering Committee members and CCEEPRC partners at ICF, Research Connections and Child Trends
    - And those attending in person and through livestream
  - Tracy Carter Clopet then provided some welcoming remarks:
    - First, dedicating the CCEEPRC 2019 meeting to some distinguished members of the Consortium
    - Who is here?
      - 170 researchers
      - 37 Federal agency employees
      - 16 State/Territory administrators and staff
      - 26 Local administrators and staff
      - 3 foundation staff
      - 30 Training and technical assistance partners
      - 20 other

- There are varied session formats - plenaries, breakouts with discussion, and affinity discussions and two networking opportunities available.
- Meeting materials are available on the mobile app and the meeting website