

Session # NA

Title: Welcome and Federal Update

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SUMMARY OF PRESENTATION

Christine Calpin: Welcome and introductions.
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Naomi Goldstein: Taking advantage of the collaborative opportunities between CCB and OPRE. Pleased to see the joint meeting and looking forward to learning more about access and quality issues related to child care.

Sidonie Squier: The importance of the coming together of researchers and administrators. Evidence-based programs are critical. Work-verification plans have been submitted. New TANF legislation coming. Child care must support work. Key to that is parental choice as is quality. The importance of the intersection of TANF and child care to positive outcomes for children and families.
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Daniel Schneider: Praise of Naomi, Sidonie, and Christine and her staff. A few years ago both Head Start and Child Welfare were having many problems addressing the problems of some of the most vulnerable children. The Child Care Bureau was able to put together the PACT Initiative to allow state administrators to collaborate and work together to address these needs. CCB needs to be about more than promoting CCDF subsidies; it needs to be about the well-being of children. Further, CCB and other organizations need to work together and share information to promote the well-being of vulnerable children. Colorado has a study that is working to accomplish this kind of cooperation. Strongly encourages all to learn more about the PACT Initiative.

Christine: Points out that PACT is a continuation of the QUILT work done by NCCIC. Resources include Research Connections, NAEYC.

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION

KEY POINTS