

**Populations of Interest:  
Decisions, Access and Quality Challenges**

**Plenary Panel**

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# Major Themes

- ❑ **Basic ECE policy questions addressed for specific groups: define and measure quality, how train and support caregivers, what impact on parent choice and employment.**
- ❑ **Significant prevalence; diversity of populations and needs**
- ❑ **Challenges to define, measure quality.**
- ❑ **Role of multiple service systems is central concern**

# Session

- Findings from some leading studies
- Generalize to broader issues
- Clear need for further policy research: what are top priorities?
- Stimulus to discussion