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Family Child Care Roundtable

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OPENING REMARKS BY



LANETTE DUMAS

Executive Director, The National Association for Family Child Care

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Prior to leading NAFCC, Lanette was the Director of Early Care and Education at Agenda for Children, the Child Care Resource and Referral Agency and advocacy organization in Louisiana, from 2003-2012. During her time at Agenda, she spearheaded multiple efforts to improve the state system for supporting family child care providers. She serves as a commissioner for the Broadmoor Improvement Association and on the board of directors for Ecole Bilingue de la Nouvelle Orleans, and began her career as a family child care provider. An ardent advocate for family child care, Lanette has a bachelor's degree from the University of Notre Dame in International Relations, and a Child Development Associate (CDA) in the Family Child Care setting.

PANELISTS



EMILY BARNES

Owner, Barnes Childcare

Emily is a licensed family child care provider in Kansas, having operated Barnes Childcare for 8 years, serving children infancy through school age. Emily has taught in a variety of early childhood settings. A recognized advocate for children, she served as the Chairperson for the Advocacy Committee of the Child Care Providers Coalition of Kansas and has testified before the Kansas State Legislature's Committee on Public Health and Welfare. She held previous community-level position that supported individuals' self-sufficiency in special education programs and applied behavior analysis consultation.

WYNNE E. BUSMAN

Executive Director, Infant Toddler Family Day Care

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Wynne has served as the Infant Toddler Family Day Care (ITFDC) executive director since 2011, after serving as associate director for the organization. ITFDC is a family child care network serving the Washington Metropolitan area since 1983. ITFDC connects families to high-quality family child care homes, supports workforce development programs for family child care providers, and is a sponsor of the USDA Child Care Food Program. She holds a Virginia State Teacher's Certification, a bachelor degree in Spanish, and graduate-level work in the field of Early Care and Education and Nonprofit Management. She previously held positions as an early child care educator and a Child Care Specialist.



TANYA MILLER
Owner, A Stepping Stone Home Daycare

Tanya is a licensed family child care provider in northern Virginia, serving children from infant to school age. With over 15 years of experience in child care, Tanya is a committed child care advocate for the profession. In 2013, she completed her Child Development Associate (CDA), a nationally recognized professional credential. She is a member of the Infant Toddler Family Day Care network, a family child care provider network serving the Washington DC metro area.



SHERRY TIEGS
Owner, Sherry Tiegs Family Childcare and Playschool

Sherry has been a child care provider for more than 22 years in Minnesota, serving in a variety of child care programs involving teaching and administration. Currently she operates a home-based family child care program serving children 6 weeks to 10 years old. Her program was awarded a 4-Star Rating in the Minnesota Parent Aware Program and is a member of the Providers Choice Food Program. She is also a professional development specialist, providing Adult Early Childhood Education trainings approved by Develop/ Minnesota Center for Professional Development.



BRIDGET UZZELLE
Head Educator, MyVillage

Bridget Uzelle is a Head Educator at MyVillage and an education expert. She's worked in elementary school settings in two states, including as a classroom teacher (K-4th), curriculum and reading specialist, and site administrator (K-8). She opened MyVillage's "lab school" in Bozeman for children ages 0-5. She's passionate about supporting teachers in all aspects of their life. Bridget is a mama to three little girls, and a big fan of 5:30 am running and fresh-baked sourdough.



MODERATOR



LINDA SMITH
Director, Early Childhood Initiative

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Linda Smith is director of BPC's Early Childhood Development Initiative. She most recently served as the deputy assistant secretary for early childhood development in the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Previously, Smith served as the executive director for the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (NACCRRA), and served as a legislative fellow and professional staffer on the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee under the chairmanship of the late Senator Edward M. Kennedy. Prior to this work, she was the director of the Office of Family Policy for the Secretary of Defense, where she was one of the primary architects of the military's child care program. Smith began her career in early childhood education on the Northern Cheyenne Reservation in her native state of Montana. She is a graduate of the University of Montana.

