# Agenda

## 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. | Registration North Entrance

#### 9:00 - 9:15 a.m. | Opening & Welcome Banquet Hall

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# 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. | Keynote Address Banquet Hall

#### **Effective State-Level Policies to Strengthen the Early Years**

CYNTHIA OSBORNE Professor of Early Childhood Education | Vanderbilt University; Director, Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center

#### 10:30 - 11:15 a.m. | Concurrent Session I

Room	Presentation Titles	Presenters
A1	<ul> <li>Effective State-Level Policies to Strengthen the Early Years: Follow-up Discussion</li> </ul>	pg. 8
A2	<ul> <li>Children and Families Birth to Five in Lincoln and Omaha: Findings from the Nebraska Early Childhood Study</li> </ul>	pg. 8
A3	Testing Technology-Delivered Behavioral Health Services: Addressing Rural Child Needs	pg. 8
<b>B</b> 1	<ul> <li>An Ecological Framework for Understanding Early Childhood Professional Well-Being</li> </ul>	pg. 9
<b>B2</b>	<ul> <li>Reflective Practice as a Support for Early Childhood Professionals</li> </ul>	pg. 9
<b>B</b> 3	<ul> <li>Caregiver-Provided Learning Opportunities Boost Intervention Effects for Infants with Neuromotor Delays</li> </ul>	pg. 10
	<ul> <li>Improving Nebraska Early Intervention Home Visits: Three Linked Strategies</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Help Me Grow: Systems Approach to Supporting Early Childhood Development</li> </ul>	

### 11:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. | Concurrent Session II

Room	Presentation Titles	Presenters
A1	<ul> <li>Perspectives from the Practice Community</li> </ul>	pg. 11
A2	Closing Gaps for Children in Poverty: The Role of Play	pg. 11
<b>A</b> 3	Measuring Program Quality Using Sensors: Child Care Staff Experiences, Perceptions, Needs	pg. 12
B1	The Long-Run Effects of Head Start	pg. 12
<b>B2</b>	<ul> <li>Ready for School! Assessment-Based Planning Approach for Parental Partnerships When Children Transition from Rural Head Start Preschool to Public School Kindergarten in Nebraska</li> </ul>	pg. 12, 13
	<ul> <li>Urban, Rural and Tribal EC Evaluation Data: Similarities and Differences</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Using a Systems Lens to Evaluate Early Childhood Efforts</li> </ul>	
<b>B</b> 3	<ul> <li>Same Family, Different Emotions: Comparing Mothers and Fathers</li> </ul>	pg. 13

#### 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. | Luncheon Banquet Hall

Self-serve buffet lunch will be provided in the banquet hall, 2nd floor.

#### 1:45 - 2:30 p.m. | Concurrent Session III

Room	Presentation Titles	Presenters
<b>A</b> 1	<ul> <li>NAECR Policy Fellows: Reflections and Discussion</li> </ul>	pg. 14
A2	Communication in Toddlers with Autism Spectrum Disorders	pg. 14
A3	Enhancing Preschool Teachers' Reflection on Science Teaching and Learning in the U.S. and Brazil	pg. 15
B1	<ul> <li>Development of an Instructional Toolkit through Research Practice Partnership</li> </ul>	pg. 15
<b>B2</b>	<ul> <li>Understanding Composing-Related Writing Opportunities in Early Childhood Classrooms</li> </ul>	pg. 16
<b>B</b> 3	<ul> <li>Understanding College Completion Factors in the Early Childhood Workforce</li> </ul>	pg. 16

#### 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. | Concurrent Session IV

Room	Presentation Titles	Presenters
A1	<ul> <li>First Five Nebraska: Nebraska Early Childhood Policy Priorities</li> </ul>	pg. 17
A2	<ul> <li>Designing Practicum Experiences for Early Childhood Education College Students in Nebraska during the Global Pandemic</li> </ul>	pg. 17, 18
	<ul> <li>Using RE-AIM to Evaluate the EAT Family-Style Intervention</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>A Qualitative Case Study Exploring Perceptions of Infants' Physical Activity and Communication by Infant Caregivers</li> </ul>	
<b>A</b> 3	<ul> <li>Supporting Relationships with Children and Families: Outcomes from Getting Ready</li> </ul>	pg. 18
<b>B1</b>	<ul> <li>Developing Strong, Courageous Early Childhood Education Leaders</li> </ul>	pg. 19
	<ul> <li>Early Childhood Coaching: Research Strengths and Needs</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Kindergarten Teachers' Use of Assessments and Data</li> </ul>	
<b>B</b> 2	Chronicity of Household Stress and Children's Behavioral Problems during the COVID-19 Pandemic	pg. 20
<b>B</b> 3	<ul> <li>Child Care Provider Well-Being in the Shadow of an Ongoing Pandemic</li> </ul>	pg. 20, 21
	<ul> <li>Parent and Teacher Experiences During Initial Pandemic-Related School Closures</li> </ul>	
	<ul> <li>Something Had to Give During Shutdown, and It Was Schoolwork</li> </ul>	

### 3:45 - 4:00 p.m. Closing Remarks Banquet Hall

SHERRI JONES Dean, College of Education and Human Sciences MATTHEW BLOMSTEDT Commissioner, Nebraska Department of Education

#### 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Reception

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