



# EARLY LEARNING SUMMIT FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## INVESTING IN TODAY'S AND TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

**November 7, 2019**

### AGENDA

#### 10:00 a.m. Registration

#### 11:00 a.m. Opening Remarks/Welcome

- Emcee Curtis Smith, Corporate Director of Community Engagement, Parkview Health, former Chief Meteorologist, 21Alive
- Matt Lehman, Majority Floor Leader, Indiana House of Representatives
- Tom Henry, Mayor, City of Fort Wayne

#### 11:15 a.m. State of the State

- John Sampson, President & CEO, Northeast Indiana Regional Partnership

#### 11:25 a.m. Brain Science Presentation

- "No Small Matter" Documentary
- Dr. Tony GiaQuinta, Pediatrician, Parkview Health, and President, Indiana Chapter of American Academy Pediatrics

#### 11:45 a.m. Lunch & Keynote Speaker

- Jim Spurlino, President & Owner, Spurlino Materials

#### 12:45 p.m. Break

#### 1:00 p.m. Business Impact Panel

- Keith Gillenwater, President & CEO, Grow Wabash County
- Dena Jacquay, Chief Community & Human Resource Officer, Parkview Health
- Dawn Rosemond, Partner, Barnes & Thornburg LLP
- Karyn Tomkinson Ed.D., Executive Director Early Childhood Development, Ambassador Enterprises
- Olivia Warner, President, Indiana Stamp Company and Indiana Signworks

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## **2:00 p.m. Business Impact Break Out Sessions**

### **What are the Nuts & Bolts of Early Childhood Education? | | Room G21**

*Nicole Norvell, Director, Indiana Office of Early Childhood and Out of School Learning*

Take the first steps towards investing in early childhood education by understanding the basics. In Indiana, approximately two-thirds or 330,000 young children need child care while their parents are working. This session will cover what the state considers “quality” early childhood education, the different early childhood education program types and regulations, and the cost of early childhood education.

### **What is Sick Child Care? | Room 114**

*John Niederman, President, Pathfinder Services*

*Elizabeth Hire, Director, Pathfinder Services*

*Heather Borton, Heath Services Coordinator, Pathfinder Services*

In Indiana, over 60 percent of our children have working parents. Based on an Indiana University study, employees are absent approximately 13 days/ year due to child care related disruptions, including a sick child. To support those working families – our employees – it’s vital that we’re providing accessible, affordable options for their sick children. This session will highlight how one sick child care program is structured in Huntington County and how your company or community might consider implementing a sick child care program.

### **How can Employers Support this Issue? | Room 222**

*Susan Boyd, Vice President of Human Resources, Rea Magnet Wire*

*Dena Jacquay, Chief Community & Human Resource Officer, Parkview Health*

As an employer, how do you get involved? How can you start supporting your working families? This session will have two different employers share how their company is working to address the needs of their workforce and the community. They will talk about offering family-friendly policies, forming partnerships with early childhood education programs, offering Dependent Care Assistance Plans and setting up a tuition scholarship program.

### **How can Shared Services be a Solution to Support Early Childhood Education? | Room G08**

*Sharon Easterling, Principal, Opportunities Exchange*

Operating an early childhood education can be a different business model to “break even”. An emerging solution to make running the early childhood education program more efficiently and effectively is shared services. This session will cover what encompasses shared services, and how can they benefit early childhood education programs. In this session, participants will learn about the shared services model, examples of shared services and how a company or community could implement this option.

## **2:45 p.m. Indiana Early Learning Champion Award**

- Summit Co-Chairs Corinna Ladd, Regional President, PNC Bank and Madeleine Baker, CEO, Early Childhood Alliance

## **3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks/Call to Action**

- Sharon Easterling, Principal, Opportunities Exchange

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