



CCCECE ShoutOut! Two New Studies About Us and What We Do--we should all be familiar with these reports

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Sent on Behalf of Joel Gordon, CCCECE President:

Folks,

I think every early childhood faculty member and campus lab school employee should be aware of two new studies that have just been released. The first, written by Lynn Karoly for the Rand Corporation is called "***A Golden Opportunity: Advancing California's Early Care and Professional Development System***" looks at the entire spectrum of Early Childhood Workforce training and education in California and notes its strengths and the challenges that exist. It includes a set of recommendations as well. The report was commissioned by ELQIS and funded by the Packard and Susan Buffett Foundations. I've given a link to a research brief but I also suggest that folks take the time to download the full report and scan it all. In particular I recommend reading Chapter 5 which focuses on higher education and community college and Chapter 7 which includes their recommendations

The second report was issued by the Center for the Study of Child Care Employment at UC Berkeley is called: "***By default or by design? Variations in higher education programs for early care and teachers and their implications for research methodology, policy, and practice***". It focuses specifically on the state of higher education in ECE workforce training and what we can and can't determine from previous research into the efficacy of our teaching. Again, I strongly suggest you take the time to read this study.

On Thursday of this week, a stake holders meeting will be held in Sacramento to discuss the content, meaning, and implications of these two studies. It is notable that one of the discussion topics listed on the agenda that day is "Higher Education Reform." Several of your colleagues from community college early childhood education will be there.

Thanks.

Joel

RAND REPORT
Full Report

Lynn A. Karoly, *A Golden Opportunity: Advancing California's Early Care and Professional Development System*, MG-1188, Santa Monica, Calif.: RAND Corporation, 2012. <http://www.rand.org/pubs/monographs/MG1188.html>

Research Brief

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