

# Early Childhood Advocacy Day 2024

## May 16, 2024 - Agenda

**\*Morning Program: Dover Library\***

### **10 a.m. - Welcome and Introduction, with Tony Allen, president, Delaware State University**

- *Remarks from Legislators, with Sen. Kyle Evans Gay and Sen. Laura Sturgeon*
- *Educators of the Year Recognition, with First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney*
- *Delaware's Child Care Landscape: By the Numbers*

### **10:20 a.m. - Panel 1: Opportunities to Support Delaware Families**

- *Moderated by Dannaé Sewell, Early Childhood Innovation Center, Delaware State University*
- *Panelists: Julia Hemmer, Kori Beaman, Liana Pritchett*

### **10:50 a.m. - Panel 2: What it Takes to Serve Families: Investing in the Early Educator Workforce**

- *Moderated by Don Parsons, Rotary Club of Wilmington, Retired Judge, Delaware Court of Chancery*
- *Panelists: Melanie Thomas-Price, A Leap of Faith Child Care, Wilmington; Anesha Law, Walnut Street Y, YMCA of Delaware; Denise Halcomb, Wonder Years Learning Center, Harrington; Rhondalin Cannon-Tingle, Rhonda's Little Angels, Seaford*

### **11:20 a.m. - Panel 3: Early Childhood is Everyone's Business: How Greater Investments will Support our Children and our Community**

- *Moderated by Kirsten Olson, Children and Families First*
- *Panelists: Colleen Perry Keith, Goldey-Beacom College; Priscilla Mpasu, ChristianaCare; Lauren Weaver, Bethany-Fenwick Area Chamber of Commerce*

### **11:45 a.m. - Remarks from Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long**



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**\*Break in Programming and Transition to Advocacy and Outreach\***

**12 p.m. - Break for Lunch**

**12:15 p.m. - Advocacy Training and Afternoon Orientation**

- *Jamie Schneider, DEAEYC*

**\*Remaining Events at Legislative Hall\***

**12:45 p.m. - Photo Opportunity at Legislative Hall**

**1 p.m. - Tabling on 2nd Floor of Legislative Hall**

**Legislator Meetings as Scheduled**

**2:30 p.m. - Proclamation signing, Governor's Office,  
2nd Floor of Legislative Hall**

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