



Cultivating Connections... Between Economic Development and Child Care

Organized by the New York State Child Care Coordinating Council
Co-sponsored by the Cornell Office of Economic Development, Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce and Rochester's Child on behalf of the Early Childhood Development Initiative

CONFERENCE AGENDA

TIME: May 24th 10:00am-4:30pm

LOCATION: ILR Conference Center, Cornell University Campus, Ithaca, New York

AGENDA:

9:30 am Registration

10:00 am Introduction: Carol Saginaw, *Exec. Director of the NYS Child Care Coordinating Council*

10:15 am Business Leaders Panel:

- Lynette Chappell-Williams, *Human Resources, Cornell University*
- Howard Hartnett, *M&T Bank, Tompkins County*
- Kathryn Ozimek, *General Electric*

11:15 – 12:15 Keynote: Linking Child Care & Economic Development

- Professor Mildred Warner, *Cornell University*

12:30 -1:30 Lunch and Roundtable Discussion

1:30-2:40, 2:45-3:55 Concurrent Workshops:

- Using Economic Development Funds to Strengthen the Child Care Infrastructure
- Cynthia Aikman, *City of Auburn Planning and Economic Development*
- Cynthia Smith, *Child Care Council of the Finger Lakes*
- Marcia Weber, *Southern Tier Central Regional Planning and Development Board*
- Using Economic Development Research to Encourage Business Collaboration
- Dana Friedman, *Early Care and Education—Long Island*
- Karen Shellenback, *Family Life Development Center, Cornell University*
- Valerie Cooley, *Child Care Resource Network of Buffalo and Erie County*
- Planning for Childcare: Workforce Development and School Readiness
- Randi Hewitt, *Community Foundation of the Elmira-Corning Area, Inc.*
- Ellen Wohl, *Chemung County Child Care Council*
- Enhancing Access and Sustainability through Tax Credits
- Sue Dale-Hall, *Executive Director, Day Care and Child Development Council of Tompkins County*
- Lauren Breen, *University at Buffalo School of Law's Community Economic Development Law Clinic*
- Tom Kerr, *United Way of Buffalo/Erie County*

3:55-4:10 Break

4:10 – 4:30 Closing Speaker:

- Jean McPheeters, *Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce*