

Changing Possibilities: Building Infrastructure for Early Childhood in Los Angeles
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This session features a 23-minute documentary highlighting the life and legacy of Vivian Weinstein—innovator, educator, and advocate—whose work transformed early childhood systems in Los Angeles. Following the film, Jacquelyn and Dorothy, both mentored by Vivian, will reflect on her influence and discuss how her lessons continue to shape multi generational, cross-sector work today.

Learning Objectives:

1. Introduce an extraordinary woman who inspires hope for the future
2. Understand the history of key infrastructure still in place to support children and families
3. Inspire hope in the face of today's challenges

BIO:

Jacquelyn McCroskey is Social Work Professor Emerita and Co-Director of the Children's Data Network at the University of Southern California, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work. Her work focuses on interactions between policy, practice and research in the child protective services, juvenile justice and early care and education systems, drawing on qualitative and quantitative methods to inform policy and guide improvements to public and private sector service systems. She currently serves on the LA County Commission for Children and Families and Policy Roundtable for Child Care and is a member of the First 5 LA Board. She also Co-Chairs California's Family First Prevention Services (FFPS) Community Pathway Advisory Committee.