

**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:**

Dorothy Fleisher is currently the Senior Advisor for the W. M. Keck Foundation's Southern California Program. She previously served as the Senior Program Director at the Foundation where she oversaw grantmaking in the areas of arts and culture, civic and community services, health care, precollegiate education and early childhood development. Prior to joining the Foundation in 1999, Dr. Fleisher worked for United Way, where she oversaw funding allocations to community organizations and launched several major initiatives, including a network of school-based family centers in the northeast San Fernando Valley. She has also served as the co-convener of the Education Funders Group, founder and member of the L.A. Partnership for Early Childhood Investment, a steering committee member of the Child and Family Well-Being Funders Collaborative and the Southern California Grantmakers' representative on the Los Angeles County Children's Planning. Currently, she is a board member of the California Social Welfare Archives. She earned her doctorate in social work from the University of Southern California with a focus on social policy and administration.