

**Updates in the Early Childhood Education (ECE) Policy/Advocacy Landscape:
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Updates and discussion regarding policy developments and priority issues impacting California's ECE community - local, state and national

Learning Objectives:

1. Raise awareness of policy and advocacy of ECE current issues at local, state and national levels
2. Increase understanding of various organizations' positions on these issues
3. Identify opportunities for attendees to get involved

BIO:

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