



Ohio's 7th Annual Early Childhood Higher Education Summit

September 22–24, 2021

Registration for the Higher Education Summit is Open!

This year, we are excited to offer this VIRTUAL event to support teacher preparation programs. Sessions will occur over three days. Participants are able to customize the Summit experience by attending the days that meet their professional development needs.

We are excited to share the sessions below and will be joined by several state and national experts. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsor, the Summit is free to participants. We hope you will be able to join us!

The vision for our efforts is a clear educational pathway and seamless transition from entry in the field through a baccalaureate degree will be available for early childhood and T.E.A.C.H. scholars whose goal is to teach and/or support the education of children birth to 3rd grade.

Higher Education Summit Topics and Speakers

Wednesday, September 22, 2021 – 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm	
Topic:	Speaker:
Welcome Session	
Keynote Presentation	Dr. Calvin Moore, CEO, Council for Professional Recognition
State of Child Care / Early Childhood Workforce	Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (Invited)
Faculty as First Responders (Reducing Student Stress)	Debra Berke, Sharon Obasi, Dorothy Berglund & Chad Nunamaker, National Council on Family Relations
Thursday, September 23, 2021 – 9:00 am – 12:15 pm	
Topic:	Speaker:
Advancing Quality Early Learning in Ohio Communications and Advocacy Training	Julia Jackel, Groundwork Ohio
Advancing Quality	Mary Harrill, National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)



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Workforce Recruitment and Retention Innovations with Administrator Panel	Katherine Falen (Moderator) & Panel Guests
Friday September 24, 2021 – 9:00 am – 12:15 pm	
Topic:	Speaker:
High Schools to Careers	Denise Bishop, The Children's Forum (FL)
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Organization focus	Jennifer Adair, Esq., Ohio Department of Administrative Services
Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Higher Education	Danielle Bonds, University of Cincinnati

To Register

A detailed, timed agenda with session descriptions will be sent as soon as it is available. Please register for the Summit by **Friday, September 17th** using the link below. Registered participants will receive a confirmation email closer to the event with all session log-in information.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ECHES2021>

Questions about the Higher Education Summit?

Visit the Higher Education Summit web page on OCCRRA's website to see additional information about the Higher Education Summit including last year's session information at <https://occrra.org/workforce-development/higher-education-summit/>. Please contact Judith Santmire at the Ohio Child Care Resource and Referral Association via email at jsantmire@occrra.org with any questions.