EVENT

What's Next? SRCD Policy Priorities for the 120th Congress Webinar

Join SRCD's Policy Team for a post-midterm elections webinar where we will reflect on the 119th Congress, discuss what may be in store for the 120th, and hear from SRCD members on what policy issues you see as priorities for child development scientists.

EVENT DETAILS

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When?

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2026 2:00PM TO
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Where?

Virtual

Cost?

Free

Join SRCD's Policy Team for a webinar about the results of the 2027 U.S. Congressional midterm elections. In this call, the Policy Team will share reflections on successes and shortcomings of the 119th U.S. Congress and predictions for policy debates in the 120th. SRCD members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the changing U.S. policy landscape and share what policy issues you think should be priorities for the advancement of developmental science and child and family well-being.

Meet Our Presenters:



Kent Mitchell is SRCD's Director for Policy and brings more than 25 years of experience working with communities to improve child, youth, and family outcomes. His work spans advancing evidence-based public policies, designing, and funding social innovations, and implementing equity-driven practices in partnership with community leaders. His career includes roles in Congress, with AmeriCorps, in state policy leadership, and in philanthropic strategy. He holds a Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School, with a concentration in nonprofit management. He graduated from Earlham College, where he studied Political Science and Journalism.



Becca Murdoch is the Policy Manager at SRCD. In this role, she supports SRCD and its partners in advancing evidence-based child and family policymaking. Prior to joining SRCD, Becca completed her master's in education policy at Vanderbilt University and served as a graduate assistant with the Prenatal-to-3 Policy Impact Center and Metro Nashville Public Schools' family and community partnerships team. Prior to her time at Vanderbilt, Becca was the Manager of Policy and Advocacy at the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) where she worked with legislators and other advocacy organizations to promote evidence-based education and mental health policies. She came to NASP after working for her home state Senator and Senate Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP) Committee member, Doug Jones, on the education portfolio.



Juan Romero-Casillas is the Policy Manager at SRCD. In this role, Juan supports SRCD and its partners in advancing evidence-based child and family policymaking. He graduated from the University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras Campus with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and from The George Washington University with a

graduate degree in Public Policy. Before joining SRCD, Juan worked as a Program Manager at UnidosUs, where he led the Líderes Avanzando Fellowship program. Juan also worked as a Senior Associate at Penn Hill Group, in supporting various clients in their education and workforce policy agenda while covering issues like higher education accessibility and affordability, K-12 and adult education. Furthermore, he worked as a Contract Specialist at the Library of Congress, as a Library Director for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and as a math teacher for a non-profit organization in Puerto Rico. He has also interned for the U.S. Congress and at the U.S. Department of the Treasury.