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Upcoming Webinars and Events

Webinar: The Cognitive Impact of Poverty: Implications for Teaching

Tuesday, May 14, 4:30pm Eastern

Numerous studies have shown the impact of poverty on the brain. Individuals who grow up in impoverished environments generally have less developed cognitive capacity than their more advantaged peers. The impact of underdeveloped cognitive ability can be a serious impediment to academic achievement and life success. Neuroscience research is also showing how the plasticity of the brain offers the potential to close the cognitive gap with new tools and approaches that can lead to rapid academic gains and a leveling of the learning field. This webinar is hosted by BrainWare Learning Company.

Click here for registration.

Early Advantage 2: Building Systems That Work for Young Children

Thursday, May 16, 9:00am-12:30pm Eastern

American Association for the Advancement of Science, 1200 New York Avenue NW, Washington, DC

The National Center on Education and the Economy (NCEE) invites to you join world-renowned early childhood researcher Sharon Lynn Kagan for the release of The Early Advantage 2: Building Systems That Work for Young Children, the centerpiece of the multi-year Early Advantage international comparative study funded and supported by NCEE.

The groundbreaking study explores how leading systems around the world are addressing major challenges in early childhood education and care including issues of quality, equity, sustainability and efficiency. It provides concrete examples of innovations that can be used in states and cities across the United States and beyond.

Speakers:

- Caridad Araujo, Principal Economist, Inter-American Development Bank
- Rebecca Gomez, Education Program Officer, Heising-Simons Foundation
- Lisa Guernsey, Director of Learning Technologies Project, New America
- Jacqueline Jones, President and CEO, Foundation for Child Development
- Kristiina Kumpulainen, *Early Advantage* researcher, Finland
- Michael Levine, Chief Knowledge Officer, Sesame Workshop
- Nirmala Rao, *Early Advantage* researcher, Hong Kong
- Craig Rice, Councilmember, Montgomery County
- Linda Smith, Director of Early Childhood Policy, Bipartisan Policy Center
- Kathy Sylva, *Early Advantage* researcher, England

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After the Fanfare: Family First One Year Later

Thursday, May 23, 11:00am-12:30pm Eastern

AEI, Auditorium, 1789 Massachusetts Avenue NW, Washington, DC

One year has passed since the passage of the Family First Prevention Services Act. This bipartisan legislation offered states the option to apply Title IV-E foster care funds toward preventive services intended to keep children in homes with their families. The legislation also placed a cap on the amount of federal funds that could be used to fund residential institutions for kids in foster care.

Congressional leaders have sent a letter to Health and Human Services voicing concerns over missed deadlines and the pace at which preventive service programs are approved for reimbursement. Meanwhile,

state leaders are struggling to find alternatives to residential foster institutions, which could mean leaving children in unsafe homes. Please join us as a panel of experts explains how Family First is progressing around the country.

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