

Collaborations to Promote Early Childhood Education and Childcare

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Patrick Boyle is the editor of *Youth Today*, the national trade newspaper for people who run youth programs, and author of a parenting column called "A Father's Place." Boyle has covered child and family issues for *The Washington Post*, *Newsday*, *The Baltimore Sun*,

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Sarah Daily



Sarah Daily is a senior policy analyst at the National Governors Association Center for Best Practices and is responsible for its early childhood projects. Daily is leading activities designed to support the development of State Early Childhood Advisory Councils.

In recent years, she worked with 17 states to host Governors' Summits on Early Childhood and co-led the Supporting Gubernatorial Leadership for Building Early Childhood Systems project, a three-state technical assistance initiative supported by the federal Office of Head Start. She is the editor of *Bright Futures*, an electronic quarterly newsletter that highlights gubernatorial action and leadership for comprehensive early childhood policy and systems change in the states.

Harriet Dichter



Harriet Dichter is deputy secretary of the Office of Child Development and Early Learning, part of the Pennsylvania Departments of Public Welfare and Education. The office was created by Governor Edward G. Rendell to bolster early education and care for

Pennsylvania children. As the head of that office, Dichter leads state efforts to raise the priority level for early learning, including programs such as Pre-K Counts, the full-day kindergarten initiative, the state-based Head Start program, the Keystone Stars early learning program, and Child Care Works. Previously, she held appointments in the public, philanthropic, and nonprofit sectors.

Robert M. Goerge



Robert M. Goerge is a research fellow at Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago. Goerge has more than 20 years of research experience focused on improving the available information on children and families, particularly those who

require specialized services related to abuse/neglect, disability, poverty, or mental illness. He developed Chapin Hall's pioneering Integrated Database on Children's Services in Illinois, which links the administrative data from multiple service agencies to provide a comprehensive picture of children's use of publicly provided or financed service programs. His work provides high-quality information to policymakers to improve the programs serving children and their families.

