



GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Professional Development System

PDAC Annual Meeting
Eastland Suites Hotel & Conference Center
November 17, 2017
Agenda

- 10:00 AM** **Welcome** – Joni Scritchlow, Senior Program Director, INCCRRA
- 10:05 AM** **Celebrations and Introductions** – Deb Widenhofer, Baby TALK Consultant and
Marsha Hawley, Director, Lead Learn Excel Ounce of Prevention, PDAC Co-Chairs
- 10:15 AM** **Early Childhood Education and the Return on Investing in the Family**
- Jorge Luis Garcia, Senior Research Assistant at the Center for the Economics of Human Development University of Chicago
- 11:00 AM** **Questions**
- 11:15 AM** **The Challenge of Equity: Developing a Diverse, Credentialed and Competent Early Childhood Workforce in Illinois**
- Aisha Ray, Ph.D., Professor Emerita of Child Development at Erikson Institute
- 12:00 PM** **Questions**
- 12:15 PM** **Connecting Thoughts On Our Speakers** – PDAC Co-Chairs
- 12:30 PM** **Lunch**
- 1:15 PM** **What Key Connecting Points Did Your Table Find Most Informative?**
A Conversation: Invest in Progress
- Points of Value
 - Identifying the Questions We Need to Address
- 2:00 PM** **Investing in Progress: Highlights of the Past Year**
- 2:45 PM** **Wrap Up**
- 3:00 PM** **Adjourn**