



GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

Illinois Professional Development System

PDAC Telenet

April 24, 2020

9:00AM–11:00AM

Agenda

Zoom Meeting

Mission: To promote, support, and recognize professional preparation and training for all current and future early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners.

Vision: Illinois early care and education, school-age, and youth development practitioners are well-qualified professionals who educate, nurture, and meet the needs of children and youth in partnership with their families.

Values: We believe an effective professional development system is inclusive of practitioners in all settings serving children, youth, and families; service providers and program staff; and educators and trainers.

9:00 AM PDAC Welcome

- Stephanie Bernoteit, Marsha Hawley and Johnna Darragh Ernst – PDAC Tri-Chairs

9:05 AM Review and Approval of Minutes

- January 31, 2020

9:10 AM Key Information from State Agency Partners

- Illinois Board of Higher Education – Stephanie Bernoteit
- Illinois Head Start Association – Lauri Morrison Frichtl
- Governor’s Office of Early Childhood Development – Jamilah R. Jor’dan
- Illinois Department of Human Services – Olga Torres
- Illinois State Board of Education – Karen McCarthy

9:50 AM Highlights from the Gateways Higher Education Forum – Joni Scritchlow

10:00 AM Opportunities and strategies to maintain momentum of professional development advancement for our ECE workforce in these challenging times of change

(using Zoom we will divide into small groups for discussion)

- What Strategies have been successful to ECE in navigating the COVID-19 Pandemic?
- What collaborations have offered opportunities for PD in Illinois in the current environment? How can PDAC ensure we support/promote/expand and improve upon these promising practices?
- What opportunities and innovations have come about with expanded use of technology in higher ed platforms and PD development? What has been the student/practitioner response? What can we learn moving forward?

10:35 AM Report-Outs from Small Groups

- Follow-up that can be undertaken

11:00 AM Adjourn

PDAC Meetings:

Friday, June 26, 2020 – Telenet 1:30PM – 3:00PM

