



# GATEWAYS TO OPPORTUNITY

## Illinois Professional Development System

### PDAC Steering Committee Agenda January 9 & 10, 2014 Holiday Inn and Suites, Bloomington, IL

**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.

<b>Day 1: January 9, 2014    10:00 AM – 5:30 PM</b>
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| <b>10:00 AM</b> | <b>Welcome – Cass Wolfe and Deb Widenhofer, Co-Chairs</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Housekeeping</li><li>• Introduction of New Steering Members</li><li>• Review of Agenda</li></ul>  |
| <b>10:15 AM</b> | <b>Review and Approval of Minutes – Deb Widenhofer, Co-Chair</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• December 4, 2013</li></ul>   |
| <b>10:30 AM</b> | <b>ExceleRate Illinois</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Circles of Quality – Toni Porter, INCCRRA</li><li>• Gateways to Opportunity Credentials<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Gateways Registry Data – Joellyn Whitehead, INCCRRA</li><li>○ Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Credential Goals – Joni Scritchlow, INCCRRA</li><li>○ McCormick Data on IDC – Teri Talan, PDAC Qualifications &amp; Credentials Committee Co-Chair</li></ul></li></ul> |
| <b>11:30 AM</b> | <b>Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge Grant Credential Development – Gena Glover, INCCRRA</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Timeline</li></ul>  |
| <b>11:40 AM</b> | <b>Recap of Higher Education Regional Faculty Meetings – Johnna Darragh-Ernst, PDAC Workforce Development &amp; Pathways (WDP) Committee Co-Chair, &amp; Joni Scritchlow</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Connecting Points</li></ul>  |
| <b>12:00 PM</b> | <b>Lunch</b>  |

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- 12:30 PM**      **Federal and State Landscapes** – *Erika Hunt, Senior Policy Analyst, Center for the Study of Education Policy, Illinois State University*
- Federal Landscape: National Governor’s Association Initiative
  - State Landscape: Teacher Preparation Programs
    - Higher Education Program Redesign
    - ECAG Recommendations
- 2:00 PM**      **Break**
- 2:10 PM**      **ECE Credential Articulation Report** – *Patricia Steinhaus, Chicago State University and Wendy Mertes, Harper College*
- 3:00 PM**      **Innovative Articulation Agreement(s)** – *Johnna Darragh-Ernst, WDP Co-Chair*
- 3:15 PM**      **Break**
- 3:30 PM**      **Connecting the Dots Discussion** – *Cass Wolfe & Deb Widenhofer, Co-Chairs*
- 5:30 PM**      **Adjourn**
- 6:15 PM**      **Dinner**

<b>Day 2: January 10, 2014</b>	<b>8:00 AM – 2:00 PM</b>
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- 8:00 AM**      **Breakfast Conversation** – *Choua Vue, Illinois Action for Children*
- Strong Start Act
- 8:45 AM**      **Summary** – *Cass Wolfe & Deb Widenhofer, Co-Chairs*
- 9:00 AM**      **Leading for our Profession** – *Cass Wolfe & Deb Widenhofer, Co-Chairs*
- *Stacie Goffin / PDAC Annual Meeting Presentation*
- 10:30 AM**      **Break**
- 11:00 AM**      **Articulation-Moving Forward** – *Cass Wolfe & Deb Widenhofer, Co-Chairs*
- 12:00 PM**      **Working Lunch**
- Next Steps
- 1:15 PM**      **Committee Reports**
- 2:00 PM**      **Adjourn**



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