



SENATE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION
Chairwoman Sandra Cano

Proudly Presents the

Ninth Annual
Rhode Island Senate Education Summit

Early Childhood Education
Exploring what providers and families need to support our youngest learners

Monday,
November 15, 2021
3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Rhode Island Nursing Education Center
350 Eddy Street
Room 304
Providence, Rhode Island

AGENDA

Plenary Session

3:00 p.m.

Welcome and Introductory Remarks

- **The Honorable Sandra Cano** – Chairwoman, Senate Committee on Education
- **The Honorable Hanna M. Gallo** – Vice Chairwoman, Senate Committee on Education
- **The Honorable Ryan W. Pearson** – Chairman, Senate Committee on Finance

Keynote Address

- **Marica Cox Mitchell** – Senior Director, Early Childhood; Bainum Family Foundation

Breakout Sessions

3:35 p.m.

Group 1: Early Learning and Child Care – Birth to Age 3

Group discussion will be facilitated by a moderator, and initiated by two industry leaders.

- **Jamie Colvard** – Director of State Policy; Zero to Three
- **Veronica Manfredi** – Co-Founder and Director; Over the Rainbow Learning Center

Group 2: Expanding High-Quality Pre-Kindergarten

Group discussion will be facilitated by a moderator, and initiated by two industry leaders.

- **Lauren Hogan** – Managing Director of Policy and Professional Advancement; National Association for the Education of Young Children
- **Khadija Lewis Khan** – Executive Director; Beautiful Beginnings Child Care Center

Return to Plenary Session

4:35 p.m.

Report on Breakout Group Discussions

Closing Remarks

- **The Honorable Sandra Cano** – Chairwoman, Senate Committee on Education