

# Supporting and Growing the Early Childhood Workforce Solutioning Meeting



May 25, 2022

3:30–5:30 PT

4:30–6:30 MT

5:30–7:30 CT

6:30–8:30 ET

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Region IX: Arizona, California, Hawaii, Nevada, American Samoa,  
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam



The Administration for Children and Families' Regions VI and IX, in partnership with the Department of Labor Women's Bureau, will host a listening and solutioning meeting to highlight promising strategies to address the ECE workforce shortage, facilitate the exchange of ideas and lessons learned across states and communities, and discuss how the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and other federal resources can help.

A strong, stable early care and education (ECE) workforce is essential to economic recovery, children's learning and development, and family well-being. However, ECE programs across the country face unprecedented staff shortages, a problem that existed prior to—and was exacerbated by—the COVID-19 pandemic. The child care industry is down more than 10 percent of pre-pandemic levels, and child care staff hiring is more challenging than ever.

Please join us to learn about and identify action-oriented solutions to strengthen the ECE workforce. [Register now.](#)



## Agenda

- Federal resources, policies, and priorities
- Strategy breakout sessions
  - Professional development, education, and career pathways
  - Recruitment, retention, and staff wellness
  - Wages, compensation, and benefits
  - Shared services, family child care networks, and other supports



## Who Should Attend?

- State, local, and Tribal leaders who operate or fund early childhood, human services, or workforce programs
- Family child care and center-based ECE providers (including child care, Head Start, and preschool)
- Child care resources and referral agencies
- Higher education leaders who oversee ECE degree programs
- Professional associations that represent ECE, higher education, and workforce programs
- Workforce development entities
- Nonprofit organizations, philanthropic organizations, professional organizations, researchers, and other interested parties