

Governor's Economic Summit on Early Childhood

Thursday, November 29, 2007

10:00
AM

Registration and Check-in

Schooner Room

Noon Buffet Lunch and Introductions at United Way Community Team Tables
State of Maine Hall

Table #	United Way Region Team	Table #	United Way Region Team
1.	UW Androscoggin County	7.	UW Mid Coast
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1:00
PM

Master of Ceremonies Maine Humorist Gary Crocker

Knox County Ballroom

Welcome by First Lady Karen Baldacci

Governor's Charge to Summit: The Honorable John E. Baldacci

Keynote Speaker: Hiro Yoshikawa, Ph.D

A developmental and community psychologist, **Dr. Yoshikawa** will set the stage for brain development and public policy by presenting the neuroscience and child development research that addresses the WHY and WHAT about investing in young children. He will examine what the rapidly advancing biological and social sciences do and do not say about early childhood, brain development, and the impact of state policy and intervention programs. Dr. Yoshikawa is a lead author of *A Science-Based Framework for Early Childhood Policy*, published by the Center on the Developing Child at Harvard University and co-authored by the National Forum on Early Childhood Program Evaluation and the National Scientific Council on the Developing Child. He is Professor of Education at the Harvard Graduate School of Education where he conducts research on the impact of early childhood education, employment and welfare policy, and immigration on young children's development. Among other federal and national advisory committees, Dr. Yoshikawa serves on the DHHS Committee on Head Start Research and Evaluation and the National Academy of Sciences Committee on Family and Work Policies.

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2:30 PM Questions and Answers

2:45 PM Afternoon Refreshments *Knox County Ballroom*

3:00 PM Working Session: What does the brain development research mean for Maine's economy? (At Community Team Tables) *Knox County Ballroom*

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3:30 PM Early Childhood Challenges Facing Maine

Knox County Ballroom

Welcome by Moderator: **The Honorable Glenn Cummings, Speaker of the House of Representatives**

Panelists:

Family and Parenting—Glenn Cummings, House Speaker

Health--Dora Mills MD, MPH, Director, Maine CDC/DHHS

Early Care and Education—Dianne Stetson, Senior Policy Analyst, Zero to Three

Local Community Crime Prevention—Sheriff Mark Westrum, Sagadahoc County

State Economic Development—Laurie LaChance, President and CEO, Maine Development Foundation

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4:45 PM **Working Session: In what way(s) does the data support investing in early childhood to improve Maine's economy? (At Community Team Tables)**

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6:00 PM **Reception and Informational Displays**

State of Maine Hall

7:00 PM **Youth Performance and Dinner**

Knox County Ballroom

7:30 PM **Welcome by Brenda Harvey, Commissioner, Maine Department of Health and Human Services**

Knox County Ballroom

Dinner Speaker: George Kaiser

George Kaiser will discuss early childhood education as both a moral imperative and a sound business investment. A self-made American billionaire, Mr. Kaiser is principal owner of Kaiser-Francis Oil Company, an independent natural gas and oil exploration firm in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He is also the owner or significant shareholder of a number of other companies in the energy, healthcare, mining, technology, venture capital and commercial banking businesses, including BOK Financial Corporation, which has subsidiary banks in ten states. His family foundation is committed to early intervention in the cycle of poverty, various public health initiatives and civic enhancement. Mr. Kaiser helped launch "Educare" in Oklahoma and has given or raised more than \$50 million in private and public funding for the program during the past three years. Educare is a "best practices" educational and family support program for at risk children from birth to five.

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7:00 AM Breakfast Buffet

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8:30 AM Maine at Its Best—Innovative Early Childhood Investments

Knox County Ballroom

Welcome by Moderator: **Susan Gendron, Commissioner, Maine Department of Education**

Panelists:

Business—William Braun, Superintendent, SAD#48 and Irving Tanning Company, Hartland

Faith Community—Dottie Farrar, St. Francis Church Fund Board, Blue Hill Peninsula

Labor/Workforce—Jane Gilbert, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Labor, Augusta

Municipal/School—Peter Caron, Director, MSAD#27, Adult and Community Education, Fort Kent

Media—Donna Gormley, Former Anchor, WLBZ News

Legislature--Rep. Sean Faircloth, Chair, Commission to Develop a Strategic Priorities Plan for Maine's Young Children, Bangor

10:00 AM Morning Refreshments

Knox County Ballroom

10:15 AM Welcome by Steve Rowe, Attorney General

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Keynote Speaker: Robbin Johnson

Robbin Johnson was instrumental in the development of the early learning initiative in Minnesota. He will review the economic, environmental, and ethical reasons why Minnesota businesses care about and invest in early childhood development. He will describe the process Minnesota went through in establishing the Minnesota Early Learning Foundation, its five-year work plan, \$30 million fundraising goal, and its emphasis on developing cost effective strategies for delivering quality early learning experiences to at risk children. Mr. Johnson is President of the Board of Directors for the Cargill Foundation, retiring in January 2007 as Senior Vice President for corporate affairs for Cargill (an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services with 158,000 employees in 66 countries.) Mr. Johnson graduated from Yale University, undertook graduate study as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford University, and attended Yale Law School.

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**11:15
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1:00 PM Luncheon

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**1:30
PM** ***"From Advocacy to Activism, Are You Convinced?"*** **Vinalhaven**

Closing of Summit and Report from Community Teams
Sheryl Peavey, Director, Early Childhood Initiative
Dana Connors, President, Maine Chamber of Commerce
Eric Buch, Chairman, United Ways of Maine
Karen Baldacci, First Lady, Task Force on Early Childhood

**2:00
PM** **Summit Ends**