

NSBN-LAUP SYMPOSIUM

Through Holistic Planning & Strategic Investment: Family Centered Neighborhoods

Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce Board Room
350 S. Bixel Street, Los Angeles, CA 90017
Wednesday, November 29, 2006

Topic: How best to fully serve children and families through the leveraged investment of public facilities dollars to build healthy neighborhoods that offer and make accessible: safe, joint and shared use pre-k, school, and related service delivery programs.

- 7:30 am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 7:55 am ***Welcome and Symposium Overview – LAUP/NSBN***
David Abel (Chairman, New Schools Better Neighborhoods)
Beth Lowe (Chairwoman, LA Universal Preschool)
Gary Toebben (President, LA Area Chamber of Commerce)
- 8:15 am ***Opening Plenary: The Promise of Preschool in the Community***
Presenters: Scott Himmelstein (California Deputy Sec. of Education),
Gary Mangiofico (COO, LA Universal Preschool)
Responders: LAUSD Superintendent David Brewer, John Hurtado (Executive Director,
New Schools Better Neighborhoods), Yolie Flores Aguilar (Executive Director, LA County
Children's Planning Council)
- 9:10 am ***Morning Plenary: How Cities/Schools are Partnering - Westlake/Gratts-A Win/Win/Win***
Moderator: Maria Casillas (President, Families in Schools)
Remarks: Gail Goldberg (Director of Planning, LA City Planning Department)
Panelists: Cecilia Estolano (CEO, CRALA), Renata Simril (VP of Development, Forest City
Residential West, Inc.), John Creer (Director of Planning and Development, Office of the
Superintendent, LAUSD), Mercedes Marquez (GM, LA City Housing Department)
Responders: Howard Blume (LA Times), Yolie Flores Aguilar (LA County Children's
Planning Council)
- 10:05 am - Break -
- 10:10 am **Morning Breakout Panels**
- A. Place-Making: Investing in Neighborhood Linkages to Family Resources**
Moderator: Bob Scott (Chair, VICA)
Panelists: Vera de Vera (Director of Grants, California Community Foundation),
David Fleming (Chair, LA Area Chamber of Commerce), Claire Robinson (Director, Amigo
de Los Rios), Bill Norris (E.VP., Century Housing)
Responders: James Rojas (Latino Urban Forum), Morgan Binswanger (Habitat LA)
- B. Healthy Communities– Holistically Linking Schools with Healthcare**
Moderators: Bill Allen (President/CEO LAEDC) & David Abel (NSBN)
Panelists: Abbe Land (Co-CEO, The LA Free Clinic), Linda Lee (Co-Director, SMBCC),
John Dale (HarleyEllis Devereaux), Elizabeth Zamora, Boyle Heights Learning Collaborative
Responders: Dr. Richard Jackson, Edward Headington (Coro Health Leadership Program)

- 11:10 am **Late Morning Breakout Panels**
A. How to Plan, Operate & Fund Pre-Schools as Centers of Underserved Community
Moderator: John A. Pérez (Commissioner, CRALA)
Panelists: Ann Marie Hickambottom (Senior VP – Community Services, Century Housing), Maria Raff (Dir., ABCD Initiative, Low Income Investment Fund), Catherine Atkin (President, Preschool California)
Responders: Diego Cardoso (Director, Central Area Planning Team, MTA), Neelura Bell (Program Dir., LA LISC), Michael Jimenez (Project Manager, NSBN)
- B. LAUP's Ambition: Creating A Culture of Literacy**
Remarks: Graciela Italiano-Thomas (CEO, LA Universal Preschool)
Panelists: Jonathan Williams (Member, State Board of Education), Oralia Garza de Cortes (Early Literacy Consultant)
Responders: Maria Uribe (Int'l Institute of LA), Corina Villaraigosa* (Commissioner, F5LA)
- 12:10 pm **Lunch & Plenary: Breaking Down Barriers: Health & Learning for All**
The Challenge: Graciela Italiano-Thomas (CEO, LA Universal Preschool)
Place Matters: LA Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa*
Keynote Remarks: Dr. Richard Jackson (Former California Health Officer)
- 1:35 pm **Afternoon Breakout Panels**
A. Lennox – How to Integrate Schools and Pre-K into Community
Moderator: John Hurtado (Executive Director, NSBN)
Remarks: Ken Knott (Assistant Superintendent, Lennox Elementary School District)
Responders: Michael Bishop (Assistant Superintendent, Paramount Unified School District), Miriam Long (Senior Deputy to Supervisor Yvonne Burke)
- B. Collaborating with Faith-Based Organizations to Serve Families**
Moderator: Dion Jackson (VP Business Development, LA Universal Preschool)
Panelists: Rev. Jim Conn (United Methodist Ministries), Tony Walker (President/CEO, St. Annes), Pastor Dan Knudsen (Lutheran Community Service Network), Rabbi Eli Hecht (Chabad of South Bay), David Crippens (Member, LAUSD Bond Oversight Committee)
Responder: Pam Schmidt (Directing Attorney – Childcare Law, Public Counsel)
- 2:35 pm **Afternoon Plenary: Healthy & Ready for School**
Remarks: Dr. Neal Halfon, M.D.
(Director, UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities)
Panelist: Paul Hernandez (California Endowment), Mike Shannon* (LAUSD Early Education), Alice Kuo (Assistant Director, UCLA Center for Healthier Children, Families & Communities), Vickie Kopenske (Director, Hope Street Family Center)
Responders: Rosemary Chalk (Board of Children Youth and Families at National Academies of Sciences & Institute of Medicine), Bud Jacobs (LAUSD, Central Office)
- 3:20 pm **Closing Remarks:** David Abel (Chairman, NSBN) introducing:
LA County Supervisor Yvonne Braithwaite Burke - 2007 Chair - LA County Children's Planning Council

(* Invited)

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