

Dear Valued Partner,

You are invited to participate in a small group dialogue on **INSERT DATE AND TIME** focused on how we rebuild the early childhood system after the COVID-19 pandemic and in light of our collective desire for equitable opportunity for all children. Your voice, experiences, and ideas are central to moving and improving supports for young children and families.

Over the past several months, we have all become extremely aware of the strengths and the shortcomings of the programs and supports that make up our early childhood system. Unfortunately, families and providers supporting early childhood development --- especially families and providers of color--- have been significantly impacted by the challenges and dire circumstances created by the COVID-19 pandemic.

However, even under these severe conditions, we have all witnessed innovation, heroism, and a growing thirst for equity across states and communities as we all look for ways to support one another. Together, as we move forward, we must look critically at the lessons learned through our challenges, our resilience, and our persistent disparities to determine how we will ensure a stronger, brighter future for ALL young children and those who care for them.

It is for these reasons that I/we are partnering with the Ounce of Prevention Fund to bring together groups of people to have virtual conversations that will identify critical questions in service to building it back better—not just rebuilding the early childhood system as it was prior to this difficult time, but rebuilding a stronger, more equitable and comprehensive system. The ideas and questions from this conversation will inform resources designed to foster rebuilding of a better early childhood system.

The draft agenda for the call is included below. Please use this link **INSERT VIRTUAL MEETING LINK** to attend this upcoming Build It Back Better dialogue. If you have any questions, please contact **INSERT CONTACT INFORMATION**.

We look forward to gathering your unique voice and perspective during this conversation.

Thank you for your consideration of this invitation.

Sincerely,

INSERT SENDER NAME

Build It Back Better Dialogue Agenda

- Welcome & Introductions
- Goals & Agenda
- Warm Up Reflection
- Conversation
- Reflection & Next Steps

Guiding questions for dialogue will include:

Q1: When you think about your children or the children in your care or community, what is a hope, dream, or goal that you have for them?

Q2: What are your biggest worries or concerns for your family or the children in your care/community? What keeps you up at night?

Q3: COVID-19 has clearly highlighted systems challenges in every state and community. How did the supports for young children and families respond or fare in your state or community? *Both positive and negative experiences are helpful to share.* Who has been disproportionately impacted by these challenges in your state or community?

Q4: With respect to the challenges, concerns, and inequities, what has or would help to alleviate these issues or make things better? *This could be at any level (family, program, community, or policy).*

Q5: What questions should we all be asking as we think about how to make sure ALL young children and families thrive?