Join us and other early childhood specialists for this exciting pre-conference

This session will take on the challenge that it is never too early to start teaching empathy, cultural perspectives, and the value of diversity in problem solving. Regardless of where you come from or your role in society, human literacy remains essential for success now and in years to come. This program will focus on three levels of engagement:

- Why it is urgent to address teaching these skills in early childhood
- What some of the most innovative programs are already doing
- How teachers, care givers, friends, neighbors, family can do something right now to make this actionable across settings/in various environments

As an outcome, we will mobilize equity work through organizations, regional and community networks, community organizers, private and public schools.

Call to action

Through establishing a network, we will mobilize equity work through organizations, regional and community networks, community organizers, and private and public schools.

FEATURED SPEAKERS

Rebecca Kantor, Dean of School of Education and Human Development at the University of Colorado Denver. Rebecca has a robust career as an early childhood teacher, education policy reformer and public university administrator.

Leslee Udwin, Founder and President of THINK EQUAL, an organization dedicated to empowering global change through early childhood education.

Lisa R. Roy, Executive Director, Early Childhood Education at Denver Public Schools. Lisa was instrumental in developing the Preschool Matters ballot initiative that resulted in Denver expansion of early childhood education funding, quality, and access. In her current role, she is expanding ideal Learning opportunities in the largest public school district within the State of Colorado.

Nim Patel, Chief Innovation Officer for Bright by Text, an organization that provides resources to parents, caregivers, teachers in early childhood. The organization sends bite sized texts to keep the networks dynamic.

Bena Kallick, Co-Founder with Art Costa of Institute for Habits of Mind, focusing on 16 habits or dispositions that can be nurtured in young children and set a foundation for successful thinking and learning throughout their lives.