



Children's Defense Fund Emerging Leaders® Project

Advanced Training Agenda April 24-26, 2008 Washington, DC

All sessions and meals except otherwise noted will be organized at CDF's Headquarters at
25 E. Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

Thursday, April 24th

6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dinner Reception

Welcome and Participant Introductions

Karen Lashman, Vice President of Policy, Children's Defense Fund

[The Washington Court Hotel,](#)

525 New Jersey Ave, NW. Washington, DC 20001

Friday, April 25th

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

Breakfast/Registration

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Agenda and Training Goals Overview

[Jana Martella, Executive Director, NAECS/SDE,](#) *meeting moderator*

9:15 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.

An Update from the Participants

Jana Martella, facilitator

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

An Update from the Hill

Ruth Friedman, Ph.D., Senior Education Policy Advisor,

[House Committee on Education & Labor](#)

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. -11:30 a.m.

Using Evidence-based Research for Guiding Policymakers

[Helene Stebbins, HMS Consulting, and Author, Improving the Odds](#)

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- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Building Successful Coalitions in Child Advocacy**
[*Barbara Best, CDF Texas Executive Director*](#)
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. **2009 Budget and Appropriations for Early Childhood Programs**
[*Adele Robinson, Associate Executive Director of Policy & Public Affairs, National Association for the Education of Young Children \(NAEYC\)*](#)
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. **An Update from the Hill - Session Continued**
[*Roberto Rodriguez, Senior Education Advisor, Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions*](#)
- 3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m. **Break**
- 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Trends in Early Childhood Development Policy and Leadership**
[*Thomas Schulz, Director of Early Childhood Initiatives, Council of Chief State School Officers*](#)
[*Stacie Goffin, author Ready or Not: Leadership Choices in Early Care and Education*](#)
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m. **Closing**
- 5:10 p.m. – 5:45 p.m. **Break**
Please meet in the Washington Court Hotel lobby at 5:45 to walk to dinner.
- 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. **Dinner**
Rosa Mexicano
575 7th Street at F Street NW
Washington, DC, 20004
Tel. (202) 783-5522

Saturday, April 26th

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Breakfast**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Focus Group Discussion:**
Assessment of the Emerging Leaders Project and Fellows Needs. Part 1.
Jana Martella and Stacie Goffin -- focus group moderators
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. **Break**

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- 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Cradle to Prison Pipeline**
Natacha Blain, Lead Strategic Advisor for the Cradle to Prison Pipeline® Campaign, Children’s Defense Fund, Washington DC
- 12:15 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m. **Focus Group Discussion:
Assessment of the Emerging Leaders Project and Fellows Needs.
Part 2.**
Jana Martella, focus group moderator
- 3:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **Training Evaluation and Closing**
Karen Lashman
- Free evening