

# Virtual TSTAM 2020

**October 7, 2020, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time)**

## **Full TSTAM Audience 1<sup>st</sup> Event (Full–1 Event)**

This Full–1 Event was the 1<sup>st</sup> entire-audience 2020 Tribal, State, and Territory CCDF Administrators Meeting (Virtual TSTAM 2020) event and included state, territory, and Tribal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) administrators and program staff members, Tribal leaders, Federal agency staff members, and Early Childhood National Center technical assistance partners.

The two simultaneous events described below are for:

- (1) Tribal CCDF Administrators, Tribal leaders, and staff members and
- (2) state and territory CCDF Administrators and CCDF lead agency staff members.

<b>Tribal CCDF Administrators Event</b>	
1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Opening and Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Shannon Christian, Director, Office of Child Care (OCC)</li></ul> <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Melody Redbird-Post, Project Director, National Center on Tribal Early Childhood Development (NCTECD)</li></ul>
1:15 – 4:00 p.m.	<b>Plenary Session: Implementing the Tribal Child Care Management Systems Framework in Your Program</b> <p>This plenary session will provide participants with an indepth look at how to implement the Tribal Child Care Management Systems Framework into their CCDF program. Participants will have opportunities to learn more about how the Framework connects to the Tribal CCDF Plan and CCDF program implementation efforts. The discussion will focus on strategies for using the Framework to ensure effective CCDF administration. Presenters will review each management system and will share possible approaches for assessing current management practices in Tribal CCDF programs.</p> <b>Moderator</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Melody Redbird-Post, Project Director, NCTECD</li></ul> <b>Introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Ginny Gipp, Technical Assistance Division Director, OCC</li></ul> <b>Presenters</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Charlene (Char) Schank, Technical Assistance Specialist, NCTECD</li><li>➤ Jennà Broadway, Program Integrity Specialist, Subject-Matter Expert, National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability</li></ul>

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Recording Here.**

<b>State and Territory CCDF Administrators Event</b>	
1:00 – 1:15 p.m.	<b>Opening and Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Shannon Christian, Director, Office of Child Care (OCC)</li></ul>

## State and Territory CCDF Administrators Event - *continued*

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

### **Plenary Session: Data, Data, Everywhere: A New Look at Data-Driven Decision-Making**

This panel, grounded in research and best practices, will take a deep dive into three data-related issues:

1. Understanding provider data to make policy-informed decisions
2. Using a data trust to link data
3. Using innovative early care and education (ECE) business practices and data-sharing techniques.

Topic experts and researchers will share information to spark ideas aimed at helping participants better understand data issues in their respective state, territory, or Tribe. After the panel, there will be breakouts for each of the three areas during which state, territory, and Tribal representatives will highlight how they have been innovative with data.

#### **Introduction**

- Ellen Wheatley, Ph.D., Deputy Director, OCC

#### **Moderator**

- Paula Bendl Smith, Child Care Program Specialist, Technical Assistance Division, OCC

#### **Panelists**

- Louise Stoney, Co-Founder, Opportunities Exchange
- Brian Shultz, President, Bowtie Business Intelligence
- Sharon Easterling, Partner, Opportunities Exchange

2:45 – 3:00 p.m.

*Transition Break*

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

### **Breakout Session—Three Breakouts**

#### **1. Data To Inform Policy**

This breakout will give states, territories, and Tribes an opportunity to share and discuss information on and to ask questions about the ways that data inform their policies and practices regarding CCDF program implementation topics, such as improving quality, implementing licensing and monitoring requirements, addressing supply-and-demand issues, and balancing quality and subsidy considerations. This breakout will provide an opportunity to learn about and share strategies and resources on using data.

#### **Moderator**

- Megan Campbell, Child Care Program Specialist, Planning, Data and Policy Division, OCC

#### **Presenters**

- Louise Stoney, Co-Founder, Opportunities Exchange
- Bentley Ponder, Deputy Commissioner, Quality Innovations and Partnerships, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning

#### **2. Data Trust**

Finding existing openings on a real-time basis is difficult even in the best of times—now throw in a pandemic, wildfires, and a hurricane. This situation is one in which a data trust is meant to work. Partners will identify which data pieces can be shared and how. In this breakout, representatives from Texas will share how they have been successful in finding data and in identifying partners to improve early childhood systems in their state.

#### **Moderator**

- Paula Bendl Smith, Child Care Program Specialist, Technical Assistance Division, OCC

#### **Presenters**

- Brian Shultz, President, Bowtie Business Intelligence
- Shay Everitt, Senior Advisor for Child Care/Pre-K Partnerships, Child Care and Early Learning Division, Texas Workforce Commission

### 3. Innovations and Data-Sharing

The coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic has hit child care programs hard. CCDF lead agencies have an opportunity to help stabilize the child care market and to make certain that all families have access to all ECE services they need. This breakout will be a high-level discussion of data-sharing strategies that CCDF lead agencies can implement among providers, CCDF administrative programs, and other ECE stakeholders. Examples include connections to CCDF data systems, child care management systems in child care centers and family child care networks that improve supply-and-demand data, electronic attendance and subsidy systems, and universal enrollment for ECE and family support systems.

#### **Moderator**

- Ellen Wheatley, Ph.D., Deputy Director, OCC

#### **Facilitators**

- Leigh Bolick, Project Director, National Center on Child Care Data and Reporting (NCDR)
- Rosa Williams, Technical Assistance Lead, NCDR

#### **Presenters**

- Sharon Easterling, Partner, Opportunities Exchange
- Lela Wendell, Program Administrator, Child Care Administration, Arizona Department of Economic Security
- Judy Williams, Executive Director, Early Learning Ventures, Colorado
- Michelle Mackin-Brown, CCCAP Unit Supervisor, Colorado Office of Early Childhood

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