



Education Funders Affinity Group

Pre-School Expansion in NJ: Quality and Quantity

Tuesday, January 4, 2018

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Panelists: Ellen Frede

Senior Co-Director at the National Institute for Early Education Research at Rutgers University and Research Professor at the Graduate School of Education. Her research informs policy to support high-quality education for all young children and document its impact on future success.



This summer, with funding from the Maher Charitable Foundation, Dr. Frede supported a cohort of districts as they applied for state preschool expansion funds. In 2018 she will investigate a sample of districts to estimate capacity to expand pre-k.

Panelists: Barbara Reisman

Senior Advisor at the Maher Charitable Foundation. As Executive Director of The Schumann Fund For New Jersey, her work funding policy and programs supported NJ's development of high quality preschool as part of a broader early childhood mission.



Through the Maher Foundation she made funding available to ensure that a cohort of districts was able to prepare and access the state's preschool expansion funding at short notice.

Panelists: Cynthia Rice

Senior Policy Analyst at Advocates for Children of New Jersey for early education issues, including preschool, child care, early elementary education.

Even though ACNJ advocated for nine years for funds to support preschool expansion, their job wasn't done once some of that funding was secured. ACNJ spent a big part of this past summer being the "lead cheerleader," in first reaching out to school districts to make sure the state's tight application timeframe was not a deterrent in them applying for the funds; and 2. making sure that the child care community knew that there was a place for them at this expanding preschool table.



Moderator: Melissa Litwin

Program Director for Early Childhood at the Henry and Marilyn Taub Foundation, she funds programs, research and advocacy to build a system of quality care and education for children from birth through 3rd grade.

The Taub Foundation supports both ACNJ's early childhood work in general and NIEER's research into the readiness of districts to provide high quality preschool once funding is available.





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PEEA Districts At-a-Glance

- Over 70 districts that currently provide preschool with ECPA funding were eligible for PEEA grants
- Over 40 of these districts attended the mandatory pre-funding meeting at the DOE
- 26 districts across 14 counties serving 1785 children applied and were awarded funds *
- 11 districts contract with private providers
- More than 25% of children are in contracted provider settings compared to 1.4% in ECPA and ~60% in Abbott
- Number of PEEA classrooms per district range from 1-20
- Very few 3 year olds served

* Actual enrollment reported to NJ DOE. Projected enrollment based on district plans was 2047

https://prekourway.org/assets/Expand-NJs-Pre-K_Dec-2017.pdf



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