



## **THE ILLINOIS INFANT-TODDLER SET-ASIDE AND THE NEBRASKA ENDOWMENT: LESSONS LEARNED**

June 5, 2008; 2 pm eastern (1 pm central, 12 pm mountain, 11 am pacific)

This webinar will focus on financing for programs serving infants and toddlers. It will feature the lessons learned from the implementation of an infant-toddler set-aside in Illinois' early childhood block grant and the establishment of an early childhood endowment fund in Nebraska.

In this time of economic woes and tight budgets, creative thinking about expansion of early childhood programs and policies is needed. Some states have developed innovative financing mechanisms that support services for at-risk infants and toddlers and their families. Illinois and Nebraska will share their stories and learnings.

### **Agenda**

- Introduction and facilitation by:  
**Barbara Gebhard**  
Project Director of State Policy Initiatives  
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- Comments by:  
**Joan Lombardi**  
Chair  
Birth to Five Policy Alliance
- Presentations by:  
**Karen Yarbrough**  
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Ounce of Prevention Fund, Illinois
- Jessie Rasmussen**  
Vice President  
Buffett Early Childhood Fund, Nebraska
- Question and answer session