

Presenter Biographical Sketches

Elizabeth 'Liz' Kelley

Ms. Kelley is the Director of the Maryland State Department of Education's Office of Child Care within the Division of Early Childhood Development. In 2000, Ms. Kelley chaired a workgroup to develop Maryland's credentialing and tiered reimbursement programs for child care providers and managed the program until her appointment as Director. The Office of Child Care oversees all aspects of child care for the State of Maryland including child care facility licensing, the child care subsidy program and quality enhancement grants funded through the Child Care Development Fund.

Ms. Kelley holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Intermediate Education and a Master of Arts degree in Early Childhood Education. She has over 25 years of experience in child care working in the early childhood field as a teacher, child care center director, Maryland State child care licensing specialist, supervisor and regional manager.

Ms. Kelley has presented at numerous national, state and local conferences, including the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the National Association of Regulatory Administration, and the National Association of Resource and Referral Agencies on a variety of early childhood topics.

Linda Saterfield

Ms. Saterfield is the Bureau Chief for the Bureau of Child Care and Development within the Illinois Department of Human Services. Ms. Saterfield is directly responsible for the management of the state's Child Care Assistance Program serving 173,000 children. A graduate of Illinois State University, she has 30 years experience in state government primarily in the field of social services. At the Department of Public Aid, she held various management positions in the Bureau of Family Support Services, which administered the Title XX Social Services Program, the Refugee Resettlement Program, the Homeless Shelter Program, and various other supportive services programs for families and children. She has been with the Illinois Department of Human Services since its creation in 1997 and has been the State Child Care Administrator for Illinois since 1998. Under her leadership, the focus has been on improving quality through professional development and collaborating within the field of early childhood.

Martha Zaslow, Ph.D.

Dr. Zaslow is the Vice President for Research and the Director of Early Childhood Program Area at Child Trends, Inc. She received her Ph.D. in personality and developmental psychology from Harvard University. Dr. Zaslow's research takes an ecological approach, considering the role of multiple contexts in the development of children in low-income families, including parenting behavior, early care and education settings, and programs and policies directed at families with young children. Regarding parenting behavior, she is currently working on analyses considering maternal depression and parenting behavior as mediators of the effects of family food insecurity on children's socio-emotional and cognitive development during the first years of life. Regarding policy, her research has focused on State initiatives to improve child care quality using the 4 percent set-aside of the Child Care and Development Fund. Dr. Zaslow is currently a member of the National Research Council's Committee on Developmental Outcomes and Assessment for Young Children. She previously served on the National Research Council's Committee on Family and Work Policies.

Kathie Boling

Kathie serves as a State Program Specialist with the National Infant-Toddler Child Care Initiative at ZERO TO THREE, an initiative of the Child Care Bureau. In that capacity, she provides technical assistance to state, territory and tribe Child Care Development Fund administrators. Technical assistance and trainings specific to Quality Rating Systems, Professional Development, and Infant Toddler Specialist Networking are provided to specific groups within the states working to improve the quality of child care for infants and toddlers. Ms. Boling brings 30 years experience with early childhood education in various settings. Prior to her service with the Initiative, Ms. Boling served in several state-level child care administration positions, including the Statewide Infant Toddler Project Director for the North Carolina Child Care Resource and Referral Council and as the Regulatory Licensing Policy and Planning Coordinator for the North Carolina Division of Child Development. Ms. Boling has a BS in Child and Family Studies and a M.A. in Liberal Arts, with a concentration in Public Administration and Non-Profit Management from North Carolina State University. She is based in Washington, DC.