



Collaborating for Success

Continuing the Conversation

Gateways to Opportunity 2015 Higher Education Forum

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Bloomington-Airport

3202 East Empire Street, Bloomington, IL 61704

April 9-10, 2015

Your insight is needed in planning for the 2015 Gateways to Opportunity Annual Higher Education Forum. There will be an opportunity for presentations from institutions that participated in the first round of grants from the Race-to-the-Top Early Learning Challenge funding, as well as presentations and workshops providing timely information relevant to the valuable work you do. **You will receive another form soliciting your views on avenues for disseminating your work later this afternoon.**

Below is a list of potential topics for the Forum. Please rank your interest in the topics below on a scale of 1– 4. (Note: More than one topic may be ranked as 1, 2, etc.). If you have a specific area under this general topic or a speaker to suggest, please note that information on the line to the right). Thank you!

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Potential Workshop Topics:

- How to support children living in high-stress environments _____
- Preschool Suspension _____
- Supporting Children and Families in Crisis _____
- Coaching _____
- EdTPA _____
- Effective Instruction (Synthesis of IES Research on Early Intervention and ECE) _____
- English Language Learners, having a prepared workforce by 2016 _____
- Family Engagement _____
- HERO Website _____
- Implementation Science _____
- Kindergarten Individual Development Survey findings _____
- Implications of a truly "Comprehensive Early Childhood Education System" _____
- Project Based Learning _____
- Proposed new rules for teacher education programs from the U.S. Department of Education _____
- Supporting social competence and peer relationships _____
- Common core standards in early childhood education _____

A State Panel with brief presentations and opportunity for questions from faculty has been a popular feature at recent Forums. Please indicate "yes" or "no" as to whether you would like to continue this feature:

_____ 2015 Panel presentation (write "yes" or "no" in the blank)

If **yes**, rank using 1 – 4 these suggested agencies as part of the panel.

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- Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) Early Childhood
- ISBE Division of Educator Licensure
- ISBE Special Education Division
- Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE)
- Illinois Community College Board (ICCB)
- Governor's Office of Early Childhood Development (OECD)

Other agency suggestions: _____

Optional: Please share your contact information so that we can reach you if we have questions about your suggestions.