

Thank you for inviting me to be here!

- Ideas today come from Foresight's report, *Early Childhood Governance: Getting There from Here*
- Interviews with 90 national and state leaders from more than half the states



Key Ideas About Governance

- Key to a successful governance system: Is it set up to help the state achieve its goals?
- The strategic plan funded by PDG articulates goals for the system, and provides a strong starting point for the governance work.
- Important questions the state should wrestle with in governance - a long series of tradeoffs.
 - In making tradeoffs, the experience of other states can help provide a sense of what to expect.
 - There are costs to making a change, but there are also costs to the status quo.

Why Are States Seeking to Change Governance?

- Early childhood is a fragmented system, and that is a design problem
 - The need for high-level leadership
 - Empowerment to maintain a coherent vision for the system
 - Cross-sector expertise
- Capacities states are looking to build
 - Minimizing burden on families
 - Improving efficiency
 - Expanding access
 - Improving quality

Important Considerations

- Comparative advantage (state/regional/local)
 - Regional hubs
- State personnel capacities - at multiple levels
- Configuring state capacity - including connective tissue and analytic capacity
 - Children's Cabinet and State Advisory Council
- Transition period

Final Thoughts

- The framework of this bill is analogous to what other states have done
 - Includes attention to regional capacity and transition period
 - How the transition gets used - inside & outside
- How other states have experienced the process