



LATINO EARLY CARE AND EDUCATION POLICY SYMPOSIUM



National Louis University
122 S. Michigan Ave., 2nd Floor Atrium

March 12, 2009
8:30am -12:30pm

PROGRAM

1. Welcome & Introduction
 - a. *Dr. Richard J. Pappas*, President, National Louis University
 - b. *Sylvia Puente*, Executive Director, Latino Policy Forum
2. Key Note Address – Dr. Eugene Garcia, Chairman for the National Task Force on Early Childhood Education for Hispanics
 - a. Question and Answer session
3. Setting the Context:
 - a. National Perspective: Summary of Buenos Principios – *Erika Beltran*, NCLR
 - b. Local Perspective: Summary of LPF ECE Report – *Reyna Hernandez*, Latino Policy Forum
 - c. Question and Answer session
4. 1st Panel: Advocates and Practitioners :
Moderator: *Dr. Kathleen Sheridan* –National Louis University
 - a. **Panelists**
 - i. *Ellen Chavez* – Casa Central
 - ii. *Clara López* – El Valor
 - iii. *Celena Roldán* – Erie Neighborhood House
 - iv. *Nancy Shier* – Ounce of Prevention Fund
 - b. Question and Answer session
5. BREAK
6. 2nd Panel: Government Representatives:
Moderator: *Ric Estrada* – Erie Neighborhood House
 - a. **Panelists**
 - i. *Barbara Bowman* – Chicago Public Schools
 - ii. *Mary Ellen Caron* – Chicago Department of Family and Support Services
 - iii. *Kay Henderson* – Illinois State Board of Education
 - iv. *Linda Saterfield* – Illinois Department of Human Services
 - b. Question and Answer session
7. Public Comment
8. Closing Remarks – *Sylvia Puente*, Executive Director, Latino Policy Forum

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