Building and Supporting the Early Childhood Workforce: Issues, Challenges, and Opportunities
March 3, 2006
Sacramento, California

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions
Charles B. Reed, Chancellor, California State University

10:00 a.m. Keynote Address
Dan Bellm, Senior Policy Analyst
Center for the Study of Child Care Employment
University of California Berkeley
“Time to Revamp and Expand: Early Childhood Teacher Preparation Programs in California’s Institutions of Higher Education”

10:45 a.m. Panel of Respondents
- Jack O’Connell, State Superintendent of Public Instruction
- Joyce Justus, Interim Vice Provost for Student Affairs, University of California
- James Rosser, President, CSU Los Angeles
- Steven Bruckman, Executive Vice Chancellor, California Community Colleges
- Kris Perry, Executive Director, Children and Families First Commission
- Glen Thomas, Executive Director, California County Superintendents Educational Services Association
- Gary Reichard, Executive Vice Chancellor, California State University (Facilitator)

12:15 p.m. Lunch with Keynote Address
Karen Hill-Scott, President, Karen Hill-Scott & Company
Ahead of the Curve and Out of the Box: Imperatives for Teacher Preparation in the 21st Century

1:30 p.m. Afternoon Concurrent Sessions
- Adjusting postsecondary curriculum to reflect the teacher skills and competencies needed to address the physical, social, emotional, and academic needs of preschoolers preparing for entry into school;
- Ensuring access and success in higher education for a diverse group of individuals seeking careers in early childhood education;
- Recruiting additional faculty and developing faculty leadership in personnel preparation for early childhood education; and
- Articulating academic programs across higher education segments.

2:30 p.m. Break

2:45 p.m. Facilitators’ Panel: Group Reports
1. **Aligning the Preschool Curriculum**  
   **Facilitator:** Dr. Hallie Yopp, Department of Elementary and Bilingual Education, CSU Fullerton

2. **Ensuring access and success in higher education**  
   **Facilitator:** Dr. Marlene Zepeda, Chair and Professor, Department of Child and Family Studies, CSU Los Angeles

3. **Recruiting and developing faculty**  
   **Facilitator:** Dr. Valerie Helgren-Lempesis, Professor, Department of Reading and Language Arts, CSU East Bay

4. **Articulating academic programs**  
   **Facilitator:** Mary Jane Macquire Fong, Professor, Early Childhood Education, American River College

**3:30 p.m. Concluding Remarks**  
Gary Reichard, Executive Vice Chancellor, California State University