



**“Students Continually Learning”  
Extended Learning Opportunities  
and Early Childhood Joint Taskforce Meeting  
February 26, 2007 – Washington, DC**

**Meeting Objectives:**

- Continue and deepen shared taskforce goals to support states in their efforts to improve the availability and quality of early and extended learning opportunities as a strategy for increasing education opportunity and student achievement.
- Hear from research, policy and program experts on the connections between early childhood and extended learning opportunities.
- Consider the role of early childhood and extended learning opportunities in supporting school improvement.

**Monday, February 26, 2007**

9:00 – 9:15 am

**Opening Session: Welcome and Introductions**

Gene Wilhoit, Executive Director, CCSSO  
Ayeola Fortune, Project Director, CCSSO  
Jana Martella, Coordinator, CCSSO-ECEA-SCASS

9:15 – 10:45 am

**Session One – Research Connections-Continuity and Quality**

**Children Continually Learning from Birth and Beyond—  
Findings from the Early Head Start Study**

**[Rachel Cohen](#), Senior Research Scientist, ACF-HHS**

**Students Continually Learning Throughout the School Day  
and School Year—Findings From**

**[Priscilla Little](#), Associate Director, Harvard Family  
Research Project**

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10:45 – 11:00 am    **Break**

10:45-12:00pm    **Session Two – Policy and Practice Connections –  
Lessons and Challenges from the States**

**KY—Gene Wilhoit, Lois Adams-Rogers  
State discussion with participants.**

12:00 – 1:00 pm    **Networking Lunch**

1:00 – 2:30 pm    **Session Three –Task Force Meetings**

The Extended Learning Task Force will convene to conduct business and consider how taskforce members can leverage the Council's [Policy Statement on Extended Learning Opportunities](#) at the state level

The Early Childhood Task Force will convene to conduct business and to continue the renewal of the Council's [Policy Statement on Early Childhood and Family Education](#)

2:30 – 3:00 pm    **Reconvene and Reflect—Next Steps**