

Agenda – August 25-27, 2026



Early Care & Education
Funding Design Institute

Day 1 Understanding the Fiscal Problem: Family Needs and the Cost of Care

9:00 AM	Opening
10:00 AM	What Children and Families Need
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Budgeting – Understanding the Economics of ECEC
12:30 PM	Lunch
1:15 PM	Funding Landscape
2:15 PM	Cohort Planning, Networking, and Reflection
3:00 PM	Blending and Braiding Funding
4:00 PM	Panel Discussion with Child Care Providers
5:00 PM	Wrap-up

Day 2 Developing Financing Strategies: The Nuts and Bolts of Policy Design

9:00 AM	Opening
9:30 AM	Guest Speaker: Policy Implications on Revenue
10:15 AM	Break
10:30 AM	Designing Demand Side Strategies
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM	Designing Supply Side Strategies
3:00 PM	Cohort Planning, Networking, and Reflection
3:30 PM	Aligning Supply with Demand
5:00 PM	Wrap-up

Day 3 Overcoming Barriers to Implementation

9:00 AM	Opening
9:15 AM	Understanding Informal Care
9:45 AM	The Importance of Governance and Common Barriers
10:30 AM	Cohort Planning, Networking, and Reflection
11:00 AM	Q&A Panel
12:00 PM	Wrap-up