



**The National Association of Latino Elected & Appointed Officials  
Educational Fund**

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**NALEO Education Leadership Initiative**

*7<sup>th</sup> Annual Summit on the  
State of Latino Education*

*Special Session on Early Learning:  
Promoting Healthy Child Development  
and School Readiness*

**September 26, 2011**

**Washington, D.C.**

*Convening Sponsor:*


Birth to Five Policy Alliance

**Monday, September 26, 2011**

**9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast**

**10:00 - 11:30 a.m. Session I: The Science of Child Development: Implications for School Readiness**  
*Mayfair Court, Lobby Level*

The healthy development of children allows for a solid foundation for strong and healthy communities. Understanding the framework of how children develop in various contexts can provide policymakers with the appropriate tools to facilitate and support structures for family school readiness. Participate in a discussion that will provide an overview of healthy development and what this may mean for targeting more effective policies and services for young children and families.


Session Chair: Hon. Lucy Flores, Nevada State Assemblymember 

- Mr. Matthew Melmed, Executive Director, Zero-to-Three: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families
- Dr. Ellen Frede, Senior Vice President, Early Learning, Research and Training, *Acelero Learning*

**11:45 – 12:15 p.m. Networking Lunch**

**12:15 - 1:30 p.m. Session II – Policy that Promotes Healthy Child Development for Latinos**  
*Mayfair Court, Lobby Level*

Latino children represent the fastest growing segment of the zero to five population in the country. Given this reality, policymakers have a unique role to play in advancing comprehensive early childhood systems that promote access to the full range of high-quality programs and services supporting children ages birth to five, and their families. Hear about the early learning landscape, and how you can promote healthy child development and early learning at the local and state level.

Session Chair: Hon. Louis Ruiz, Kansas State Representative 

- Ms. Hannah Matthews, Senior Policy Analyst, Child Care and Early Education, CLASP
- Dr. Ellen Frede, Senior Vice President, Early Learning, Research and Training, *Acelero Learning*

**1:30 p.m. Closing Remarks and Preparation for NALEO 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Education Summit**

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