

Early Years Roundtable Discussions

Please choose from the five topics listed below a topic you'd like to participate in during the Round Table Session. Jot down your thoughts about the topic on this sheet *prior* to the lunch session on Thursday.

Choose a roundtable discussion to attend and engage in a facilitated discussion:

- **Poverty:** Poverty impacts children and families in a myriad of ways. Join us to discuss the effects of poverty, resources and best practices.
- **Early Childhood Advocacy:** Quality early childhood programs can make a tremendous impact on a child's success in school and throughout life. Join us to discuss ideas on how can we be a unified voice.
- **Hunger and Nutrition:** Food insecurity and poor nutrition hinder a child's development, academic success and lifetime health. Join us to discuss childhood hunger, causes and possible solutions.
- **3rd Grade Reading Proficiency:** Reaching the critical grade-level reading goal will require engaged communities to remove barriers, expand opportunities, and assist parents. Join us to discuss strategies.
- **Impact of Adversity on Early Social/Emotional Development:** Engage in dialogue focused on the impacts of adverse experiences on early childhood development. Join us to discuss resources available and gaps in knowledge and services.

What do you see as the main issues, needs, or challenges in this topic area, in regard to young children, families of young children or the field of early childhood?

We'd like to know what is already being done in your community or agency to address these issues, needs, or challenges (Bright Spots). Please share some information about programs, task forces, initiatives, coalitions, projects, or individual/small group efforts in your community that seem to make an impact on this topic area.

Identify resources and/or partnerships that could help address these needs, issues, or challenges (materials, funding, agencies, organizations, services, programs, etc.).

What are your individual or organizational needs within this topic area?

Please fill in this section at the close of your roundtable discussion.

What “a-ha” moments did you have during your discussion?

List one or two action items that you can implement immediately (“Monday Morning Items”).

What are some next steps for you, your organization, your community or the state of Idaho in regard to this topic area or issues?

Optional: If you would like to stay connected to your discussion group or conference attendees regarding this topic please leave your contact information:

Name: _____ Title: _____
Organization: _____ Phone: _____
Email: _____

Please give this worksheet to your table facilitator.