

# ●●●●● PUBLIC POLICY FEATURES AT THE ONE GOAL SUMMER CONFERENCE



## Helen Blank

Director of Leadership and Public Policy  
National Women's Law Center  
Washington, D.C.

### **Assessing the Federal Landscape for Early Care and Education**

**Wednesday, July 22nd • 3:15 – 5:00 PM**

Helen Blank leads the National Women's

Law Center's work on early education, as well as its leadership activities including PLAN, the Progressive Leadership and Advocacy Network, a program for emerging leaders on low-income women's issues. Previously Ms. Blank served 24 years as the director of the Child Care and Development Division at the Children's Defense Fund. While at the Children's Defense Fund, Ms. Blank spearheaded a variety of efforts for improved early learning legislation. She also created and ran an emerging leaders program for rising leaders in early childhood education. Ms. Blank is a member of the T.E.A.C.H.® Early Childhood Advisory Committee, the board of Teach for America's Prekindergarten Initiative, the Child Care Food Program Sponsors' Forum, and the Advisory Board for LISC, the Local Initiative Support Corporation.



## Linda Smith

Executive Director  
National Association of Child Care  
Resource and Referral Agencies  
Arlington, VA

### **We CAN Do Better: Opportunities for Improvement through the Reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant**

**Thursday, July 23rd • 8:30 – 10:00 AM**

NACCRRA represents over 700 community-based child care resource and referral agencies located in all states and nearly every community. Ms. Smith is an expert in the field of early care and education systems and program development. During Ms. Smith's 25 years experience at the Department of Defense, she served as the Director of Family Policy, where she was responsible for policy and oversight of comprehensive family service programs affecting 2.1 million family members of military personnel. Additionally, as the Director of Child Development Programs for the Secretary of Defense, Ms. Smith led implementation of the landmark Military Child Care Act of 1989, vastly transforming the program into one singled out by President Clinton and the United States Congress as a "model for the nation." Prior to joining NACCRRA, Ms. Smith served as a Legislative Fellow and professional staffer on the United States Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee under the Chairmanship of Senator Edward M. Kennedy.



## Theodore Granger

President  
United Way of Florida, Tallahassee, FL

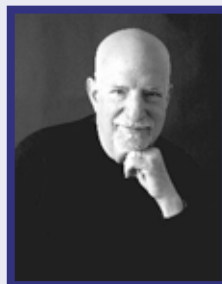
### **The Florida Legislative Landscape for 2009-2010**

**Thursday, July 23rd • 10:15 – 11:45 AM**

Ted Granger received his Bachelor of  
Science degree from Florida State University

in 1978, and later received his Juris Doctor degree from the same esteemed institution. After engaging in general civil and criminal trial litigation for three years, he was hired by the Florida Senate as a legislative analyst with the Commerce Committee. In 1986, he joined the Florida Chamber of Commerce as the Vice President of Government Relations and, after four years, left to become President of the United Way of Florida. The United Way of Florida is a statewide association representing Florida's 37 United Ways on Florida legislative and administrative issues, policy development for the Florida State Employees' Charitable Campaign, and implementation of developmental programs for local United Way organizations. Ted has and continues to provide leadership on numerous state level boards representing the interests of children and families. Annually, he facilitates a panel with leaders from various agencies and organizations to brief conferees on the outcome of the legislative session, policies and appropriations affecting children's programs.

## RESEARCH LUNCHEON (Ticket required)



## Steve Freedman, PhD

Chair  
Policy Group for Florida's Families  
and Children, Tampa, FL

### **State of Florida's Child: A Report on Child Well-Being in Florida**

**Thursday, July 23rd • Noon – 1:15 PM**

Steve Freedman, Ph.D., founded and

directed the Institute for Child Health Policy at the University of Florida until his retirement. He and his colleagues designed national model programs including: nurse case management for rural chronically ill children (integrated in the Florida Children's Medical Services program), a day health care facility for medical fragile children (integrated in Florida Statutes as Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care Centers), and comprehensive child-only health insurance each of which was adopted as public policy in Florida. He has served on several boards in leadership positions at the regional and national levels. His state level volunteer work includes All Children's Hospital, President of Tampa Jewish Family Services, Executive Director of Hillsborough Children's Health Care Foundation, Florida KidCare Coordinating Council, Children's Medical Services Network, Healthy Kid Corporation, and Chair of The Policy Group for Florida's Families and Children and is a member of Leadership Florida.



## Mary Beth Salomone

Public Policy Director  
Early Care and Education Consortium  
Washington, DC

## Dr. Sara-Moleski Rice

Vice President of Government Relations  
Learning Care Group  
Novi, MI

## Scott Cotter

President and CEO  
Childcare Network  
Columbus, GA

### **Providers and Early Learning Coalitions: Policy and Practice to Improve Access and Quality**

**Thursday, July 23rd • 1:30 – 3:00 PM**

The Early Care and Education Consortium (ECEC) is a non-profit alliance of America's leading national, regional, and independent providers of high-quality child care and early learning and development programs for young children. ECEC was formed in 1999 to create a provider voice to shape public policy in support of high-quality care and education for children and families. ECEC represents those who implement the policies created in Congress and in the states. Approximately 300 ECEC member centers are in Florida and ECEC is a proud partner in the work to improve access to high-quality early care and learning programs across the state.

**Mary Beth Salomone**, Policy Director for the Early Care and Education Consortium, works with legislatures and ECEC's membership of nearly 8,000 child care centers to bridge the gap between policy and practice. Previously, Ms. Salomone worked on federal and state advocacy with child care resource and referral agencies, home visiting programs, and the Children's Defense Fund. She is also on the Board of Directors of Heads Up, an after-school program for youth in the District of Columbia.

**Dr. Sara Moleski-Rice** is the Vice President of Government Relations for Learning Care Group, a national child care provider in 37 states. Sara is the President of the Early Care and Education Consortium, Vice President of Government Relations for the National Child Care Association, on the Advisory Board of Hatch Early Childhood, and on a number of early education advisory boards across the United States. Sara holds a doctorate in Public Policy with a concentration in Early Education.

**Scott Cotter** is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Childcare Network. During the past ten years, he has served on a number of state advisory committees in both Georgia and North Carolina that focused on early childhood issues. Prior to join Childcare Network, Scott was CPA with the accounting firm of Ernst and Young LLP.



## Diana Ragbeer

Public Policy Director  
The Children's Trust  
Miami-Dade County, FL

### **Finding Your Voice: How to Make a Difference for Children**

**Thursday, July 23rd**

**3:15 – 4:45 PM**

Diana joined The Children's Trust in February of 2004. Her responsibilities

include: legislative and advocacy efforts on behalf of children and families at the state, federal and local levels in areas such as school readiness, children's health, child safety, the child welfare system and juvenile justice. In addition, Ms. Ragbeer is responsible for developing and implementing community outreach efforts and communications programs. Diana oversees major youth initiatives for The Children's Trust and currently serves as a chair to the Legislative Committee for the Circuit XI Juvenile Justice Board, co-chair of the Legislative Committee for the Florida Juvenile Justice Association (FJJA), co-chair of the Advocacy and Policy Committee of the National Covering Kids and Families (NCKF) Network, and a board member of Florida's Children First (FCF).

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