



**Investing in the Future through Early Childhood Education**  
**October 5, 2011**  
**Agenda**

- 10:00 am**                      **Registration and Breakfast**
- 10:25 am**                      **Welcome and Introductions**
- 10:30 am**                      **Session I: Overview**
- W. Steven Barnett, Co-Director, National Institute for Early Education Research (NIEER), Rutgers University
- 10:45 am**                      **Session 2: The Need to Invest in Early Childhood Education**
- Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD), Chairwoman, Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions' (HELP) Subcommittee on Children and Families
  - Mark Shriver, Senior Vice President of U.S. Programs, Save the Children
- 11:35 am**                      **Session 3: The Latest Thinking in Early Childhood Education**
- Jacqueline Jones, Senior Advisor on Early Learning, to the Secretary of Education, U.S. Department of Education
  - Joan Lombardi, Former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Early Childhood Development, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
  - Diane Trister Dodge, Founder and President of Teaching Strategies, Inc; Lead Author of *The Creative Curriculum*
  - Phyllis Magrab, Director, Georgetown University Center for Child and Human Development
- 12:30 pm**                      **Lunch**
- Surprise guest appearance followed by a conversation with Michael Levine, Executive Director of the Joan Ganz Cooney Center at Sesame Workshop, and Mary Jordan, Editor of Washington Post Live.
- 1:00 pm**                      **Session 4: Keynote**
- Roberto Rodríguez, Special Assistant to the President for Education Policy