



**Public Hearing – Child Care Access in Rural Pennsylvania
March 11, 2024 – 10:00 A.M.**

Schuylkill Technology Center – South Campus, Conference Room
15 Maple Ave., Mar Lin, PA, 17951

Agenda

10:00 A.M. Call to Order

- Senator Gene Yaw, Chairman, Center for Rural Pennsylvania Board of Directors

10:05 A.M. Panel 1: Statewide Perspectives on Child Care Access

- Andrea Heberlein, Executive Director, Pennsylvania Early Learning Investment Commission
- Dr. Leah Spangler, President and CEO, The Learning Lamp and Ignite Education Solutions
- Natalie Renew, Executive Director, Home Grown
- Karen Grimm-Thomas, Early Childhood Education Strategy Advisor, The Pennsylvania Key

11:05 A.M. Panel 2: Schuylkill County Perspectives on Child Care Access

- Robert S. Carl, Jr., President and CEO, Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce
 - Samantha Chivinski*, Executive Vice President, Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce
- Mary Ann Devlin, Executive Director, Child Development, Inc.
- Michelle Dallago, Director and Head of School, Perception Early Learning, Montessori
- Kim Bastian, Regional Advocacy Program Ambassador, Pennsylvania Child Care Association

12:05 P.M. Adjournment

Written Testimony Submission:

- Steve Doster, State Director, ReadyNation
- Gina Cappel, Director, Jerusalem Child Care and Early Learning Center
- Katie Hetherington-Cunfer, Director of Government and Community Relations, Greater Reading Chamber Alliance
- Holli Zelinsky, The Doodle Bug Preschool and Daycare Center
- Jill Simons, Co-owner, Sisters Early Learning Center
- Laura Manion, President, Chester County Chamber of Business and Industry

* Participation in question and answer session only.



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