



**National League of Cities'  
Institute for Youth, Education, and Families**



**Foundations for Developing a Municipal 0-8 Agenda: Key Partnerships and Collaborations  
Thursday, November 19  
3:00-4:00pm EST  
Dial-in: 1-877-366-0711; Passcode: 70357236#**

At our recent National Summit on Your City's Families, the YEF Institute brought together members from the City Network for Early Care and Education (ECE) and the Education Peer Advisory Network (EPAN) for the first time to launch a long-term discussion on aligning early education and K-12 education systems at the local level. Please join us on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> for a joint ECE/EPAN conference call to continue this conversation.

Strong partnerships and the collaborative efforts that spring from them have emerged as essential components for developing a comprehensive, streamlined system of early learning services for our nation's youngest residents. Developing partnerships among local public schools, child care providers, and other integral players in the early and K-12 education fields will be a key underlying strategy for any municipal 0-8 agenda.

We will be joined on the call by national experts who will describe the momentum that is building behind collaborative efforts in the early education field, as well as talk about concrete strategies for bringing together diverse partners and resources at the local level in order build more integrated education systems.

Please RSVP to Laura McComas at [mccomas@nlc.org](mailto:mccomas@nlc.org) to confirm your participation.

**Featured Speakers:**

❖ *Marci Young, Project Director, Pre-K Now*

Marci Young is the project director for Pre-K Now, leading its campaign to advance high-quality, voluntary pre-kindergarten for all three and four year olds. Prior to joining Pre-K Now, Ms. Young was the director of the Center for the Child Care Workforce, a project of the American Federation of Teachers Educational Foundation, and a deputy director in the AFT's educational issues department where she oversaw all of the organization's early childhood projects and activities to promote high-quality early childhood education.

❖ *S. Kwesi Rollins, Director, Leadership Programs, Institute for Educational Leadership*

Kwesi Rollins' work at IEL spans the three programs the Institute currently focuses on: Developing and Supporting Leaders; Strengthening School-Family-Community Connections; and Connecting and Improving Policies and Systems that serve Children and Youth. Currently, Rollins is supporting the Kellogg Foundation's early childhood initiative, SPARK (Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids), along with a variety of other projects.