KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Kristie Kauerz, Research Assistant Professor, University of Washington

Kristie Kauerz, Ed.D. specializes in education reform efforts that address the continuum of learning from birth through 3rd grade. Kristie’s expertise spans policy, research, and practice as well as birth-to-five system-building and K-12 reform.

Kristie’s expertise is based in her work with more than 40 states and dozens of school districts around the country. Kristie’s experience includes work at the state level, as an early childhood and P-3 policy advisor for two former Colorado governors – Bill Ritter, Jr. and Roy Romer; at the national level, as program director for early learning at Education Commission of the States; and in academia as director of a PreK-3rd Grade Initiative at Harvard Graduate School of Education and as a research fellow at the National Center for Children and Families (Teachers College, Columbia University).

Kauerz is the lead author on the Framework for Planning, Implementing, and Evaluating PreK-3rd Grade Approaches, a tool to guide school, district, community, and state efforts. She also has authored and co-authored numerous articles, book chapters, and reports on topics ranging from state kindergarten policies to early childhood governance to P-3 policy alignment. She co-authored the original Washington State Early Learning and Development Benchmarks, as well as a book on improving the early care and education teaching workforce. She is co-editor of Early Childhood Systems: Transforming Early Learning, published by TC Press in March 2012.

Kristie is a proud graduate of Colorado College, American University, and Teachers College at Columbia University.

AGENDA

7:00 to 8:00 .......... Registration/Continental Breakfast
8:00 to 8:45 .......... Welcome & Opening Comments
8:45 to 9:00 .......... Break
9:00 to 12:00........ General Session - Kristie Kauerz
12:00 to 1:00........ Lunch
1:00 to 2:15 .......... Breakout Sessions: Round I
2:15 to 2:30 .......... Break
2:30 to 3:45 .......... Breakout Sessions: Round II
3:45 .................. Adjourn/Optional Team Planning Time
FEATURED SPEAKERS

Master of Ceremony:

Karen Twain, Director of Literacy Development, Oregon Department of Education

Karen leads the Governor's Reading Initiative and the statewide implementation of full-day kindergarten. Previously, Karen's 28-year career in Tigard-Tualatin also included experience as principal of Durham Elementary School; vice principal of Tualatin High and as a counselor at Fowler, Tigard High, Tualatin High and C.F. Tigard Elementary. She has served as the district's Director of Alternative Programs since 2010 and is responsible for creating and implementing the Tigard-Tualatin Online Academy in 2012.

Megan Irwin, Acting Early Learning Systems Director, Early Learning System

Ms. Irwin takes over as Interim Director after holding key leadership positions in the Early Learning Division in which she oversaw policy and programs, managed the state's Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant, and supported the creation of cross-sector early learning hubs. Ms. Irwin began her career as a journalist in Phoenix, Arizona, focusing on issues related to children, families, and immigrants. As part of a team, she is a two-time winner of the Payne Award for Ethics in Journalism and has also received multiple Arizona Press Club awards for her coverage of vulnerable children and families. Ms. Irwin has also worked in education advocacy, overseeing community organizing and family engagement programs in 11 states.

Nancy Golden, Chief Education Officer, Oregon Education Investment Board

Dr. Golden brings more than 35 years of experience as an educational leader in Oregon to her role as Chief Education Officer, beginning as a special education teacher in 1974. She has formerly served as the superintendent for Springfield Public Schools in Springfield, Oregon from 2003-2013. In 2011, she served as Educational Advisor to the Governor and was selected as Oregon's Superintendent of the Year. Nancy is highly regarded for her interest in promoting equity in our schools.

Rob Saxton, Deputy Superintendent, Oregon Department of Education

In his role as Oregon’s Deputy Superintendent, Rob oversees the education of more than a half-million students in over 1,200 public and charter schools. He is working closely with Chief Education Officer Nancy Golden on implementing changes to the state’s education system to better align services, supports, and funding from pre-kindergarten through higher education to help the state reach its 40-40-20 goal.
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PROGRAM

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9:00 to 12:00 ................ GENERAL SESSION ................................................................................................................ Mt. Hood A, B, C
Pre-school Through 3rd Grade (P-3):
Common Understandings, Promising Practices, and Future Direction
Keynote: Kristie Kauerz, Research Assistant Professor, University of Washington
In this interactive session, participants will be introduced to the Framework for Planning, Implementing and Evaluating Pre-K through 3rd Grade Approaches. From the University of Washington College of Education’s National P-3 Center, Dr. Kristie Kauerz will help participants identify specific areas of P-3 collaboration that will drive improved outcomes for children across the birth through 3rd grade continuum. The Early Years to Early Grades keynote address will focus on P-3 alignment as a key strategy for ensuring that all children are prepared to succeed in school and closing opportunity achievement gaps.

Thank You/Announcements:
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12:00 to 1:00 ................ Lunch (provided) ........................................................................................................................ Mt. Hood A, B, C

1:00 to 2:15 .............. BREAKOUT SESSIONS: ROUND I
Advancing Early Grade Success By Reducing Chronic Absence .................. St. Helens A & B
Speakers: Hedy Chang, Director, Attendance Works
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Christine McHone, Licensed School Counselor, Early Boyles Elementary School
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Early Childhood Positive Behavior Intervention........................................................................Mt. Hood A & B
Speakers: Tim Andrews, David Douglas School District
          Jeanne Lemieux, Child Care Resource and Referral
          Paula Zaninovich, Multnomah County Mental Health
          Nancy Anderson, ECSE Administrator, David Douglas SD

Ten years ago, leaders from out early childhood care and education programs began a conversation to implement EC-PBIS across our environments. Since everyone has limited resources, it was important to implement a plan using a collaborative approach to funding, resources, and training. We also agreed to use common, evidence-based training materials, and coaching within-site and across sites to implement the model to fidelity. This session will focus on:

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Community Needs and Resources Assessment Session

Mt. Hood C
Speakers: Beth Green, Director of Early Childhood and Family Support Research, PSU
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Portland State University researchers will share their experiences and approach to supporting community needs and resource assessment. The research team has worked with a number of diverse communities across the state that are implementing Prenatal-Grade 3 approaches to improving school readiness and school success, each with its own strengths and challenges. The team will talk about why it is important to approach an integrated P-3 system with data and information that can identify needs and prioritize the work. Resources, data sources, and tools to support community needs and resource assessment will be described and shared.

2:15 to 2:30 ................. Break (snack provided)

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What our state can do:

1) Continue improving early learning programs while creating a great early learning handoff to reduce achievement gaps early. Build strong partnerships between families, community-based providers, and schools to fully support students in their transition from early learning to the K-12 system.

2) Implement full-day kindergarten programs that are robust, joyful, and focus on literacy.

3) Partner with community-based organizations to provide summer and after-school programs for students who are starting further behind or struggling to learn to read, with a particular focus on students of color and students in poverty.

4) Consistently implement robust and highly effective literacy programs across each district and across the state. An effective literacy plan will include the following three things:
   1) Excellent teaching strategies that are culturally and linguistically relevant
   2) Aligned curriculum within grades and throughout grades
   3) Evidenced-based interventions for struggling students

Addressing Learning Gaps Early

- 85% of poor readers receiving intervention before 3rd grade can increase reading skills to average levels.
- 75% of those receiving intervention after age nine will struggle with reading throughout their lives.

A Focus on Early Reading is a Wise Investment

When we improve our 3rd grade reading rates we will:

- Reduce the need for remediation down the line – saving valuable resources.
- Reduce special education identification by up to 2% through the use of proven programs such as Response to Intervention. This will result in over 11,000 fewer students in special education and will free up over $76 million in education dollars which can be reinvested elsewhere.
- Improve our graduation rates, which will positively impact our state’s economy. If 100% of students graduate each year, about 8,500 additional students would earn a high school diploma. The lifetime gains in wages from those students is about $2.64 billion or about $65.94 million annually.

In the 2013-14 School Year:

Over 14,000 Oregon students - or 34% - were not reading at grade level in 3rd grade, including:
- 7,000 students of color
- 10,800 students who are living in poverty

“If our state truly wants to improve graduation rates we have to start early with a solid focus on literacy. This is one of the best investments in student learning we can make and the payoff for our students and our state is huge. I encourage all parents – whatever language you speak at home – to take time to read with your child daily.”

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KEY RESOURCES FOR EARLY YEARS TO EARLY GRADES WORK IN YOUR COMMUNITY

INTRODUCTION
In order for Oregon to reach our 40-40-20 goal and close opportunity and achievement gaps, we must work together to create a truly seamless system of education for all children. This requires early learning, K-12, and health providers to reach out to nontraditional colleagues and identify opportunities to collaborate, align work, and leverage resources to work in partnership with one another and with children’s families.

The Early Learning Division, the Oregon Community Foundation, the Children’s Institute, the Ford Family Foundation, Social Venture Partners, the Oregon Health Authority and others are collaborating to provide a high level of support to communities throughout the state in your efforts to create aligned birth through third grade pathways for all children. As a starting point, the following resources will help you identify the best next step for launching or expanding this work in your community.

RESOURCES
Framework for Planning, Implementing, and Evaluating PreK-3rd Grade Approaches
This framework articulates 8 areas of shared work, including teacher & principal effectiveness, instructional tools, and family engagement, and provides specific indicators that will help you track the effectiveness of your work. It is designed for schools, districts, early learning programs, and other partners to reflect on and evaluate their current efforts and improve. The framework comes out of the University of Washington and the Center for Evaluation and Innovation.

Community Needs and Resources Assessment Toolkit for Prenatal-Grade 3 Initiatives
http://www.oregoncf.org/Templates/media/files/early_childhood/p3_cnra_toolkit_web.pdf
This toolkit outlines a process for gathering information about your community in order to make action plans for your work. It is tailored to communities starting to align their efforts with partners prenatal to grade 3. The toolkit was created by Portland State University for the Oregon Community Foundation.

BABY STEPS
http://www.childinst.org/publications/314-baby-steps-into-a-big-world
This report explains the process that went into developing a blended funding preschool at Earl Boyles Elementary in the David Douglas School District. The school district, regional Early Childhood Special Education provider, and Head Start/Oregon Prekindergarten were critical and eager partners in launching this effort. The report comes from the Children’s Institute.

To access a comprehensive set of PreK-3rd Grade resources, please visit our Universal P-3 Support Toolkit at:
http://oregonearlylearning.com/other-priorities/p-3-alignment/

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3-5 ........ Oregon School Law Conference ................................................................. Hilton, Eugene

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22-23 ...... Winter Breakthrough Coach ........................................................................ Inn at Commons, Medford
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6-7 .......... OALA Winter Conference ......................................................................... University of Oregon, Eugene
26 .......... Full-Day Kindergarten Implementation and Planning Conference .............. Hilton, Eugene
TBD .......... Winter Special Education Workshop ........................................................ Wilsonville

MARCH 2015
5-6 .......... Spring Breakthrough Coach ....................................................................... Wilsonville
9 .......... CCSS Spring Regional Training ..................................................................... Best Western, Hood River
10 .......... CCSS Spring Regional Training ................................................................... Holiday Inn, Wilsonville
11 .......... CCSS Spring Regional Training .................................................................. Linn County Expo Center, Albany
12-13 ...... State English Learners Alliance Conference ............................................... Hilton, Eugene

APRIL 2015
16-17 ...... Anthony Muhammad “All Means All” ........................................................ Metro Area
24 .......... OACOA Seminar Series ............................................................................. Hilton, Eugene

JUNE 2015
17 .......... 41st Annual COSA Pre-Conference .............................................................. Convention Center, Seaside
18-19 ...... 41st Annual COSA Conference ................................................................... Convention Center, Seaside

AUGUST 2015
5-7 .......... Oregon Summer Assessment Institute ....................................................... Hilton, Eugene

NATIONAL CONFERENCES
NASSP  February 19-21, 2015 ....................................................................................... San Diego, California
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For Your Notes

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Family & Community Systems ........................................ 2.50 hours

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Tuition: $80 per credit

Registration
Look for the PSU booth at the conference. A representative will be available to assist with credit registration.

Requirements
Assignment instructions will be available at the PSU booth. All papers must be submitted by December 1st, 2014

Grades, receipts, and transcripts
The course above will be graded Fall term 2014. Grades will be available on the PSU website on December 17th, 2014. For instructions on accessing your grade, obtaining a receipt, or getting transcripts, visit pdx.edu/ceed/cooperative-credit-program-information-for-students

For more information
To request a copy of the assignment instructions or to get information about partnering with PSU to offer credit for your school or district’s professional development activities, contact Julie Wolleck at jwolleck@pdx.edu.

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**Our COSA/CUC Program Offers:**

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- The costs of the programs are at or below the average cost of existing licensure programs.

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