



# 2nd Annual Early Childhood Summit Impact *Report*



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# The Early Childhood Summit *in review*



On April 4th, 5th, and 6th the University of Montana's Institute for Early Childhood Education hosted the 2nd Annual Early Childhood Education Summit. Over 150 community and education professionals, faculty, and policy makers, all dedicated to enhancing the lives of young children and their families in Montana were in attendance. Attendees represented over 30% of Montana's counties.

## *Summit Highlights*

Awards for Excellence in Early Childhood Presented for Research, Model Demonstration, Community Outreach, Healthy Start, and Lifetime Achievement

Keynote Speaker, Executive Director of the National P-3 Center, Dr. Kristie Kauerz

20 Posters Featuring Early Learning Research, Partnerships, and Community Stakeholder Stories

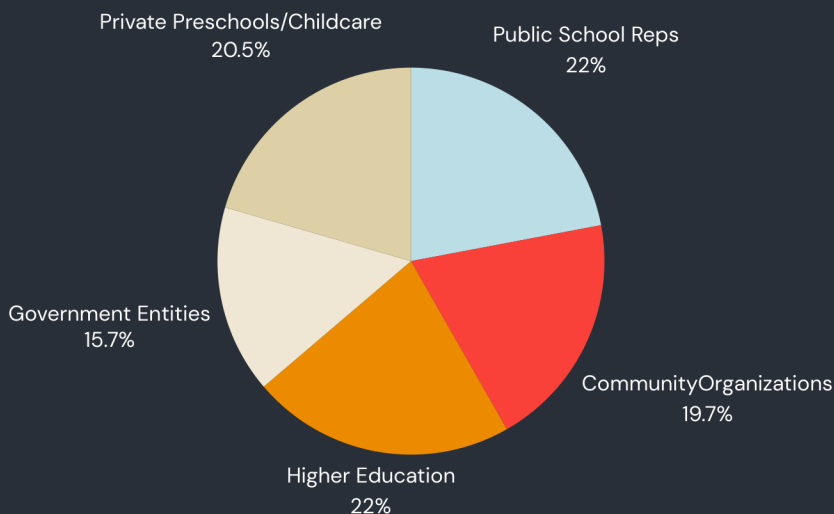
HB 352 Intent and Implementation Guidance from State Leadership

Stories of 5 Community-School Literacy Collaboration Partnerships featured from across Montana

Release of 2023 Missoula Kindergarten Entry Assessment Data

Project-Based Learning, Arts Integration, Literacy, and Developmental Screening Workshops

## *Representation by the Numbers*



*"Wonderful displays! What a great place to network. It was nice to start the Summit by visiting with friends and colleagues."*

150

statewide attendees

*"I valued the presenter's insights into their own experiences with ECE. I appreciated their honesty and reflection."*

30%

of Montana counties represented

*"The P-3 conversation at the final Friday session was AMAZING."*



34

guided LAB  
School tours



1,000

Free ELLO conversation  
card sets distributed  
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*2nd Annual Early Childhood Education Summit April 4th, 5th, & 6th, 2024*

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