

***Economic Summit: Building the Case for Investments in Early Education
Hosted by The Committee for Economic Development, the Buffett Early Childhood Fund,
and Partners for Wisconsin's Economic Success***

When: Monday, April 28, 2008
9:30 a.m. - Registration, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. - Summit
Complimentary Registration and Lunch
Note: There is no charge to attend this event

Where: Crowne Plaza - Madison East Towne
4402 East Washington Avenue, Madison, WI
"Economic Summit" block of rooms saved through April 12, 2008.
(608) 244-4703

RSVP: Please register at www.wisbiz4kids.com by April 14, 2008
For additional information, contact us at info@wisbiz4kids.com

National Movement to Elevate the Importance of Early Childhood

"The business case for early childhood education is strong. In Wisconsin, there will be chronic worker shortages for decades unless all kids get a head start now."

Tom Still, Wisconsin Technology Council

The national Partnership for America's Economic Success (PAES) was established in 2006 as a collaborative community of experts in economics, early care and education, finance, and policy.

The leadership goal of PAES is to strengthen U.S. competitiveness and achieve fiscal sustainability through evidence-based investments in children, pre-natal through five years of age. PAES is an innovative initiative designed to address a critical problem in ways that will have profound effects on the long-term economic health of the United States.

The Partnership for Wisconsin's Economic Success (PWES) was created in 2008 as the first state affiliate committed to supporting the work of the national Partnership and will be featured during the 2008 Summit.

Economic Summit Partners

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- ◆ WI Department of Health and Family Services
- ◆ WI Department of Commerce
- ◆ WI Early Childhood Collaborating Partners
- ◆ WI Economic Development Association
- ◆ WI Head Start Association



Summit Overview

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The purpose of this event is to continue to engage and mobilize community leadership teams around the importance of early childhood investments in economic development.

This event will provide an opportunity for community teams to:

- Hear new evidence from state and national experts on the connection between early childhood and economic development;
- Learn from communities who have been successful in engaging business and community leaders in support of early education;
- Engage in facilitated discussions within and across teams;
- Continue development of action plans to increase community engagement.



Featured Speakers

- Rob Grunewald, Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis;
- Judy Cameron, Ph.D., National Scientific Council on the Developing Child, Harvard University;
- Elaine Weiss, Partnership for America's Economic Success /Pew Charitable Trusts;
- Dennis Winters, Chief Economic Advisor, Wisconsin Department of Workforce Development; and,
- Business leaders panel representing The Partnership for Wisconsin's Economic Success.

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"The business community supports high-quality early childhood education programs because they lead to improved education results, a world-class work force, a healthier society, and ultimately a stronger economy."

- Joseph M. Tucci, Business Roundtable