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JUNE 13–14

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## AT-A-GLANCE AGENDA (6.10.17 update)

### DAY 1, JUNE 13

7:00 AM	Registration Opens
8:30 – 9:45 AM	Breakfast Conversations for Funder Groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New Funders: Orientation and Networking Session</li><li>• Rural Funders</li><li>• More Hopeful Futures Funders Strategy Session</li><li>• Community Foundation Funders</li><li>• United Ways</li></ul>
10:00 – 11:30 AM	Pre-Conference Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Come Play and Learn with PBS</li><li>• K-3 Policy: Early Literacy — Where Are We Now? Where Are We Going?</li><li>• More Hopeful Futures Funders Strategy Session</li></ul>
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Opening Plenary  <a href="#">Call to Order and Introductions</a> Debra Jacobs, Chair, 2017 Funder Huddle Advisory Committee  <a href="#">Welcome</a> Barbara O'Brien, Vice President, Denver School Board, Former Colorado Lieutenant Governor  <a href="#">Video and Panel Presentation: Denver and Colorado Innovations</a> <i>Facilitator:</i> Bruce Hoyt, Gary Community Investments <i>Panelists:</i> Anne Anderson, The Ben and Lucy Ana Fund of the Walton Family Foundation; Elsa Holguín, Rose Community Foundation; Susan Steele, Buell Foundation

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Overview of the GLR Campaign: Toward Bigger Outcomes and Sustainable Scale

Ralph Smith

Introduction to Mini-Plenaries

Ron Fairchild

1:30 PM

Networking Break, Grand Foyer

2:00 – 3:15 PM

“More Than Money: Civic Action and Impact” Mini-Plenaries  
(Roundtable Conversations: *Funders Leading Community-Wide Population-Level Impact*)

Session 1: Building Cross-Sector Coalitions to Achieve Population-Level Results

*Lead Discussants:* Dr. Rita Bishop, Superintendent of Roanoke City Public Schools; Mike English, Turn the Page KC; Judy Heeter, Turn the Page KC Board of Directors; Denise St. Omer, Greater Kansas City Community Foundation; Sheila Umberger, Roanoke Public Libraries

Session 2: Moving the Needle for the Most Vulnerable Children

*Lead Discussants:* Sally Fuller, Irene E. & George A. Davis Foundation; Nancy Van Milligen, Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque

Session 3: Putting It All Together on School Readiness: Aligning, Linking, Stacking and Bundling the Most Proven and Promising Strategies, Programs and Practices

*Lead Discussants:* Beth Duda, The Patterson Foundation; Carolyn Jons, Jons Family Endowment; Jean Kresse, United Way of Story County

Session 4: Building Platforms and Systems to Support Community-Wide Results on Summer Learning

*Lead Discussants:* David Geenen, Doris and Victor Day Foundation; Carole Groom, San Mateo County; Andrea Jones, Silicon Valley Community Foundation; Alex Kolker, United Way of the Quad Cities Area

Session 5: Parent Success = Early School Success

*Lead Discussants:* Leslie Maloney, Every Child Capital; Cynthia Walker, United Way of South Mississippi

Session 6: New Teachers, Reading Heroes, & the ABCs of Active Reading: How Funders are Supporting Large-Scale Communications and Systems Change Initiatives

*Lead Discussants:* Jenny Bogoni, Free Library of Philadelphia; James Liou, William Penn Foundation; MaryBeth Simon, Bank of America; Kristi Thomas, Wells Fargo

Session 7: Early Developmental Screening, Follow-Up and Intervention = Healthy Development for Infants and Toddlers  
*Lead Discussants:* Kate Bennett, United Way of Central Iowa; Katherine King, United Way of San Antonio

3:15 PM

Networking Break, Grand Foyer

3:30 – 4:45 PM

“More Than Money: Civic Action and Impact” Mini-Plenaries  
(Roundtable Conversations: *Funders Leading the Way to Scale in States*)

Session 1: Influencing State Systems and Policy in Arkansas

*Lead Discussants:* Angela Duran, Arkansas Campaign for Grade-Level Reading; Andrew Ford, Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation

Session 2: Driving with Data and Results at the State Level in Arizona

*Lead Discussants:* Terri Clark, Read On Arizona; Marilee Dal Pra, Virginia G. Piper Charitable Trust; Karen Woodhouse, Eyes on Learning

Session 3: Full Scale Systems Changes: When Private Investments Catalyze Public Systems

*Lead Discussants:* Kristin Bernhard, Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning; Lizzy Smith, Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation; Rubye Sullivan, Annie E. Casey Foundation, Atlanta Civic Site; Arianne Weldon, Get Georgia Reading Campaign

Session 4: Harnessing the Power of Communities to Drive State-Level Action and Results in Iowa

*Lead Discussants:* Monica Fischer, Anonymous Donor; Suzanne Mineck, Mid-Iowa Health Foundation

Session 5: Launching New Statewide Campaigns in Mississippi and North Carolina

*Lead Discussants:* Sammy Moon, Mississippi Association of Grantmakers; Cyndi Soter O’Neil, ChildTrust Foundation; Angela Rutherford, University of Mississippi, Laurie Williamson, United Way of the Greater Triangle; Elizabeth Star Winer, Winer Family Foundation

Session 6: Developing Messaging and Mobilizing Campaigns in California

*Lead Discussants:* David Brody, First 5 Santa Cruz; Patti Miller, Too Small to Fail; Susan True, Kenneth Rainin Foundation

Session 7: The Role of Funders in Nurturing, Launching and/or Sustaining Coalitions Focused on Collective Impact

*Lead Discussants:* Ryana Barbosa, Rogers Family Foundation; Scott McLeod, United Way of Salt Lake

4:45 PM Networking Break, Grand Foyer, Pick-Up Train Tickets

5:25 PM Light Rail Train leaves for Union Station: **All Aboard!**

6:00 – 7:30 PM “Lift. Learn. Lead.” Reception Hosted at Gary Community Investments  
[Welcome and Comments](#)  
 Mayor Michael B. Hancock and the Denver Host Committee

7:30 PM Visit the *Moonshot Rocket* from Indian River County FL  
*The Moonshot Rocket will be parked on 17th Street, right across from Union Station*

**DENVER HOST COMMITTEE**

Anne Anderson Director of Early Childhood Development The Ben and Lucy Ana Walton Fund of the Walton Family Foundation	Honorable Barbara O'Brien Former Lt. Governor of Colorado President, Catapult Leadership Senior Consultant, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading
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## DAY 2, JUNE 14

8:00 – 8:30 AM	<p>Breakfast</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome Gathering Concurrent Plenary Speakers</li><li>• GLR Funders Breakfast</li><li>• GLR Partners Breakfast (<i>all attendees who are not funders are invited</i>)</li></ul>
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>GLR Funders Morning Plenary</p> <p><b>Town Hall Meeting</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Debra Jacobs, The Patterson Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reflections and Actionable Takeaways</li><li>• More Than Money Philanthropy Panel: David Biemesderfer, Forum of Regional Associations of Grantmakers; Mae Hong, Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors; Sheena Wright, United Way of New York City</li></ul>
8:30 AM – 10:00 AM	<p>GLR Partners Briefing</p> <p><b>Technology Strategies and Data Platforms</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Anu Malipatil, The Overdeck Family Foundation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Family Engagement in the Digital Age</b> Lisa Guernsey, New America; Sheetal Singh, The Learning Lab</li><li>• <b>Reflections on Data Tools, Platforms and Systems</b> Gene Chasin, Say Yes to Education; Ron Fairchild, Campaign for Grade-Level Reading; Zak Zielezinski, Declara</li><li>• <b>First Book Needs Index</b> Kyle Zimmer and Becki Last, First Book</li></ul>
10:00 AM	Networking Break, Grand Foyer
10:30 AM – 12:15 PM	<p>Concurrent Plenaries: <i>Evolving Landscape — Issues and Opportunities</i></p> <p><b>Session 1: The Early Years — Opportunities in Early Childhood</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Aaliyah Samuel, National Governors Association <i>Lead Discussants:</i> Sue Renner, David and Laura Merage Foundation; Katharine Stevens, American Enterprise Institute; Yasmina Vinci, National Head Start Association <i>Commentator:</i> Sam Aigner-Treworgy, City of Chicago, Mayor's Office</p> <p><b>Session 2: Leveraging Medicaid for Impact</b> <i>Moderator:</i> Suzanne Mineck, Mid-Iowa Health Foundation <i>Lead Discussants:</i> Paul Dworkin, Help Me Grow National Center and Connecticut Children's Medical Center; Urcel Fields, Amerigroup Georgia; Deb Florio, Deputy Medicaid Director and CHIP Director for the State of Rhode Island; Arianne Weldon, Get Georgia Reading Campaign</p>

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Session 3: ESSA: Chronic Absence as a Policy-Worthy Lever for Change

*Moderator:* TBA

*Lead Discussants:* Tom Boasberg, Superintendent of Denver Public Schools; Candice McQueen, Education Commissioner for the State of Tennessee; Charlene Russell-Tucker, COO, Connecticut State Department of Education; Dr. Carey Wright, State Superintendent of Education for Mississippi

*Commentator:* Hedy Chang, Attendance Works

12:15 – 1:15 PM

“Leading-Edge” Conversations & Opportunities

*(box lunches)*

**Series I: Leading Edge Conversations**

**Kindergarten Readiness**

Fostering Social Emotional Development — the Landscape and the Opportunities

*Moderator:* Anne Anderson, Ben and Lucy Ana Walton Fund of the Walton Family Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Cathy McCarty, Clayton Early Learning; Patti Miller, Too Small to Fail; Abby R. Weiss, Jumpstart; Kyle Zimmer, FirstBook

*Commentator:* Meera Mani, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

Executive Function Skills — the Leading Edge in the Science of Early Learning

*Moderator:* Ellen Galinsky, Bezos Family Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Beth Duda, Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading, The Patterson Foundation; Deborah J. Leong, Tools of the Mind, Metropolitan State University of Denver; Philip David Zelazo, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota

**Summer Learning**

Investing in Summer — Lessons from the Field

*Moderator:* Jeff Sunshine, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Leslie Gabay-Swanston, National Summer Learning Association; Judy Ha Kim, Foundations, Inc.; Coleen Truaz, Scholars Unlimited

**Parent Success**

Parents as Strong Consumers and Advocates for Their Children — A Smart Investment for Ensuring Better Outcomes for Vulnerable Children

*Moderator:* Michelle Knapik, Emily Hall Tremain Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Kimberly Brenneman, Heising Simons Foundation; Sandra Gutierrez, Abriendo Puertas; Priscilla Rodriguez, The Poses Family Foundation

## Technology

### [Nudging Parents Through Social Media](#)

*Co-Conveners:* Carly Roberts, Overdeck Family Foundation; Bernadette Sangalang, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Sally Fuller, Irene E. and George A. Davis Foundation; Jean McSpadden, Bright by Three; Sheetal Singh, Early Learning Lab

## Public Housing

### [Public Housing as Platform for 24/7/365](#)

*Moderator:* Charles Rutheiser, Annie E. Casey Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Rebecca Friendly, Age of Learning – ABCmouse; Michael Lombardo, BookNook; Betsey Martens, Bringing School Home; Preston Prince, Fresno Housing Authority; William Russell, Sarasota Housing Authority; Ginger Young, Book Harvest

### [Optional “Pop Up” Leading-Edge Conversations on:](#)

- Building Character
- High-Quality Tutoring
- Building Bridges Between STEM and Literacy

## Series II: Leading Edge Opportunities

### [Accelerating Community Solutions Through Network-Wide Opportunities](#)

Ruth Ann Norton, Green & Health Homes Initiative; Patti Miller, Too Small to Fail.

### [Opportunities and Possibilities Presented in the Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#)

*Moderator:* Tammie Jones of United Way for Southeastern Michigan

*Lead Discussants:* Bruce Atchison, Education Commission of the States; Hedy Chang, Attendance Works; Danielle Ewen, Education Counsel; Bill Pound, National Conference of State Legislatures

1:15 PM

Networking Break, Grand Foyer

1:45 – 3:15 PM

Concurrent Plenaries: *Evolving Landscape — Issues and Opportunities*

### [Session 1: The Future Is Here! Using Predictive Analytics to Promote Student Success](#)

*Moderator:* Sheena Wright, United Way of New York City

*Lead Discussants:* Sara DeWitt, PBS KIDS Digital, Public Broadcasting Service (PBS); Diana Greene, Superintendent, Manatee County Public Schools; Carrie Rigney, BrightBytes

*Commentator:* Iris Palmer, New America

**Session 2: Preparing the Adults to Succeed: Talent Development in Early Care and Learning**

*Moderator:* Swati Adarkar, Children's Institute

*Lead Discussants:* Steffanie Clothier, Gary Community Investments; Susan True, Kenneth Rainin Foundation; Sara Vecchiotti, Foundation for Child Development; Comer Yates, Atlanta Speech School

*Commentator:* Scott Hippert, Los Angeles Universal Preschool

**Session 3: Innovative Financing for Sustainable Scale**

*Moderator:* Andi Phillips, Maycomb Capital LP

*Lead Discussants:* Bill Crim, United Way of Salt Lake City; Frank Farrow, Center for the Study of Social Policy; Greg Landsman, Every Child Capital; Ruth Ann Norton, Green & Healthy Homes Initiative

3:15 PM

Networking Break, Grand Foyer

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM

Plenary Session

**Strategic Drivers for Impact**

*Moderator:* Meera Mani, The David and Lucile Packard Foundation

*Panelists:* Jackie Bezos, The Bezos Family Foundation; Robert Ross, The California Endowment; Jim Shelton, Chan-Zuckerberg Initiative\*

4:45 PM – 5:45 PM

Plenary Session

**Panel Discussion: Science Matters — The Developing Brain**

*Moderator:* Ellen Galinsky, Bezos Family Foundation

*Lead Discussants:* Anne Fernald, Language Learning Lab at Stanford, Department Psychology and Program in Human Biology, Stanford University; Michèle Mazzocco, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota; Philip David Zelazo, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota

6:00 PM

Closing Funder Huddle and Opening All-America City Awards Reception, Grand Foyer  
(A Recognition Event for the 2016 GLR Pacesetter Communities)



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