

# Assembly Blue Ribbon Commission Hearing

## November 17, 2017

### Presenter Biographies

#### **Caitlin McLean, Workforce Research Specialist, UC Berkeley**

Caitlin's work at Center for the Study of Child Care Employment focuses on the *Early Childhood Workforce Index*, which examines early childhood workforce policies and the economic status of the workforce across all 50 states and the District of Columbia in order to assess progress toward improving early childhood jobs. Her expertise in public policy and passion for the promotion of gender equality led Caitlin from Glasgow Caledonian University, where she was an Ailsa McKay Postdoctoral Fellow, to CSCCE in 2015. Prior to joining CSCCE, Caitlin's research focused on comparative early care and education policy, with a special emphasis on the U.S. and U.K., as well as additional research on ECE in other European countries. Caitlin holds a Ph.D. in Social Policy from the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

#### **Lisa Wilkin, Executive Director, Child Development Consortium of L.A.**

Lisa Wilkin has been the Executive Director of the Child Development Consortium of Los Angeles since 2001. She began her career as an infant and toddler caregiver and taught preschool, kindergarten and community college before becoming a child care center director. She served for ten years as a board member for the Southern California Association for the Education of Young Children, for five years on the board of the California Child Development Administrators Association and was a member of the school board for the El Segundo Unified School District.

#### **Nancy Harvey, Family Child Care Provider, Oakland**

Nancy Harvey's West Oakland family child care has served Bay Area families for more than 10 years. Nancy is a former educator, previously a kindergarten to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher in Oakland area schools. Nancy's child care enrolls children ages 0-3 years old, a choice she made to be sure these children have a head start in learning and developing in the crucial early years. She is actively forming a providers' union and advocating for families in other venues, and hosted Governor Brown at her family child care in March 2014 to help educate him about the important work that providers do and the struggles that they face in caring for and educating young children as well as providing for their own families.

A hallmark of Nancy's care is the low staff-to-child ratio which ensures children in her care have the necessary adult-children interactions that promote increased, quality learning opportunities and prevent education gaps from developing. Nancy is a third-generation West Oakland resident, and comes from a family of activists. She is a single mother with three children, the youngest who is a high school senior.