



The Elevate Early Learning Conference is Washington’s premiere event for child care and early learning leaders. It brings together relationship-based practitioners, trainers, program directors and policymakers to attend skill-building sessions and engage in cross-systems conversations to help them become stronger and more successful leaders. This year’s gathering will explore sustainable quality. The 2018 Elevate tracks are: Leadership, Communications, Coaching, Child Development and Change Process.

**September 25**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration/Breakfast
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Session 1
10:30 AM – 11:00 AM	Networking Break
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM	Welcome Luncheon & Special Presentation for Representative Ruth Kagi, Opening Keynote: Dr. Donna Beegle
12:30 PM – 12:45 PM	Break
12:45 PM – 2:45 PM	Session 2
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	Break
3:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Session 3
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Reception

**September 26**

7:30 AM – 8:30 AM	Registration/Breakfast
8:30 AM – 10:30 AM	Session 4
10:30 AM – 10:45 AM	Networking Break
10:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Session 5
12:45 PM – 1:00 PM	Break
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	Lunch & Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families speaker
1:30 PM - 2:15 PM	Closing Keynote: Erin Ramsey
2:15 PM - 2:30 PM	Closing Remarks & Drawing



**Opening Keynote:**  
**11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

**An Insider’s Perspective on Growing Up in Poverty in America | Dr. Donna Beegle**

After growing up in generational migrant-labor poverty, leaving school at 15 to get married, having two children, and continuing to cope with poverty while being essentially homeless her entire life, Donna Beegle found herself at 25 with no husband, little education and no job skills. Then, in 10 short years, she went from GED to a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. She will share her unique insights from having grown up in generational poverty in America and of studying poverty for more than 20 years to help you enhance your knowledge of poverty and develop the understanding to impact the individuals with whom you work.



**Closing Keynote:**  
**1:30 PM - 2:15 PM**

**Inspired Leadership | Erin Ramsey**

Erin Ramsey will share the six choices leaders need to make to develop the competitive advantage of being INSPIRED. In a world of change and uncertainty the need for INSPIRED leaders is a necessity. Erin’s address is full of humor, stories, photos and offers realistic and relevant tools to help leaders shine bright to light the way for others. Get ready to be inspired, to take action and to feel rejuvenated!

