



## April Newsletter

# South Dakota Early Childhood Education Conference



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## 2023 South Dakota Early Childhood Education Conference

### "Revitalizing the Early Childhood Profession"

Dates: April 13th-15th, 2023

Location: 100 4th St. SW, Huron, SD 57350

Click the button below to visit the conference website, which includes a list of breakout sessions, keynote presenters and to register for the event.

[Register Here](#)

### Key Note Speakers



**Friday Keynote**  
SDPB Education Team



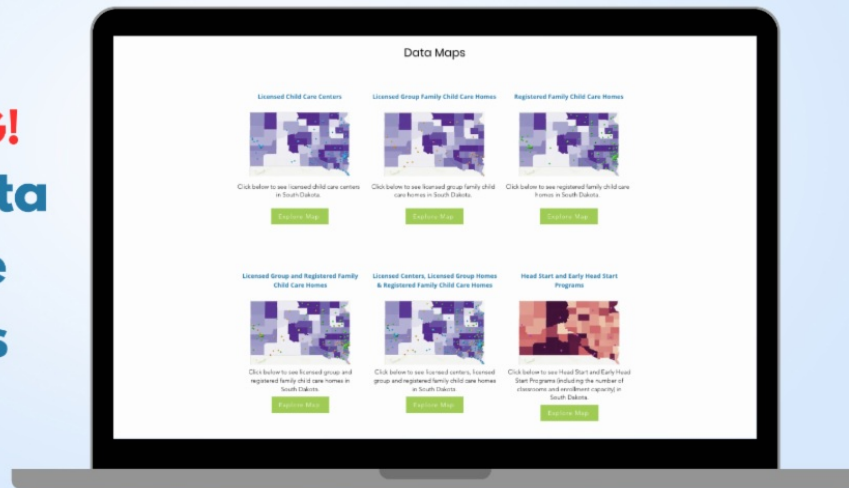
Dr. Marcy Drew  
Steve Rokusek  
Kevin Nelson  
Danielle Flom



**Thursday Keynote**  
Audrey Rider  
SDSU Extension

**Saturday Keynote**  
Stephanie Staples  
[Website](#)

## **INTRODUCING!** **South Dakota** **Child Care** **Data Maps**



## **South Dakota Child Care Landscape: Licensed and Registered Programs**

We are excited to feature this wonderful resource on our website. South Dakota's child care mapping helps policymakers to better understand the current supply of child care throughout the state. The maps also show Head Start and Early Head Start programs. Each map can be viewed from a statewide perspective, or you can zoom in to see counties and communities.

A legend is available for each map to describe the type of program shown (licensed centers, licensed group family child care homes, registered family child care homes, etc.)

To explore the maps and learn more, please click the button below.

[Explore Maps](#)



## Statewide Child Care Business Collaborative

Thank you for joining us last week for the very important conversation and updates for the statewide child-care collaborative. If you were unable to attend the meeting, you can **watch the recording here**.

During the meeting, we featured a few communities doing great and we would love to continue to build our **solutions document!** Please fill out **this community solutions form** to tell us about your community work!

We also announced a new service that ELSD is providing to communities. We will be offering community-level visitation and consulting for those that would like to take a deeper dive into their community childcare issues and barriers. For more information, please contact [info@earlylearnersd.org](mailto:info@earlylearnersd.org).

We will keep you updated for our next upcoming meeting.

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## Summer Study Update

Director Kayla Klein is working with Senators and other leaders to create a multidisciplinary task force that will work to develop statewide policies to improve child care quality capacity, affordability, and accessibility.

The task force will look at the regulatory environment for childcare operators, study the childcare industry's financial and workforce issues, and look for any other ideas that may help with the childcare crisis.

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## 2023 Early Learner Summit

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## ELSD Leadership Spotlight



### **Kayla Klein, ELSD Director**

Kayla Klein is the Director of ELSD, and the CEO of Klein Visioneering Group LLC. She has over a decade of experience working in nonprofit management, as well as local, regional, and statewide awareness and advocacy organizations.

Kayla started her career in childcare, working as the director for Northern Hills Alliance for Children in Deadwood. She then went on to serve as the Black Hills Reads Director at United Way of the Black Hills, a Campaign for Grade-Level Reading initiative to address the challenges of reading achievement.

Kayla has been an integral part of ELSD since its inception. She is constantly working with leaders from various industry sectors to advance quality early learning experiences and childcare in South Dakota.

Some of Kayla's many accomplishments with ELSD include testifying at the state legislature on bills to promote early learning in SD, and bringing many voices together around a very diverse topic in our state.

**'Be the change you wish to see in the world'** – Mahatma Gandhi



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