

# Agenda

Montgomery Moving Forward (MMF) 2020 3-Part Virtual Community Symposium

## Our County's Commitment to Early Care & Education 2.0: Unlocking Resources & Finding Pathways Forward

**Day 2:**  
**November 12, 2020**  
**1:00 - 2:30 pm**

**Day 2 Theme:**  
*There's no 'I' in ECE: What Role do Partnerships Play?*

**Mike Knapp\***  
Chief Executive Officer  
SkillSmart, Inc.

**Tricia Swanson\***  
Vice President, Government Relations  
Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

**1:00 p.m.** Welcome and Framing the Issue

**Mike Knapp**, Chief Executive Officer, SkillSmart, Inc.  
**Tricia Swanson**, Vice President, Government Relations, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

**1:10 p.m.** Video

Facilitator:

**Tricia Swanson**, Vice President, Government Relations, Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce

**1:20 p.m.** The Business Case for Early Care and Education (ECE)

Panelists:

**Marilyn Balcombe\***, CEO, Gaithersburg-Germantown Chamber of Commerce  
**Kevin Beverly\*\***, Economic Development Advocate  
**Bob Buchanan\***, Partner, Buchanan Partners

Facilitator:

**Michelle Green**, Executive Director, Montgomery Child Care Association

1:45 p.m. Early Care and Education Interlude

**Rosalba Bonilla-Acosta**, Director, CentroNia

**Amanda Puerto Thorne**, Director, Teaching and Learning, KID Museum

1:55 p.m. Making it Happen with Cross-Sector Partnerships

Panelists:

**JoAnn Barnes\***, Chief, Children, Youth and Family Services, Montgomery County  
Department of Health and Human Services

**Christina Peusch**, Executive Director, Maryland Child Care Association

**William Wiechmann\***, Vice President and Regional Counsel Kaiser Foundation Hospitals/  
Health Plan

Facilitator:

**Anna Hargrave\*** Executive Director, Greater Washington Community Foundation  
- Montgomery County

2:25 p.m. Summary, Thank You, & Closing

**Crystal Townsend\***, President & CEO, Healthcare Initiative Foundation

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\*\*MMF Co-Chair

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