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Jay McCall | Program Manager – Education | The Rainwater Charitable Foundation

Jay McCall is Program Manager of Education for The Rainwater Charitable Foundation. Jay previously served as Director of Programs for The Miles Foundation, where he developed and executed the foundation's grantmaking strategy focused primarily on early childhood education and parent engagement. Jay began his career in public education, teaching middle school math and coaching. He received a B.A. in Math from Hardin-Simmons University and earned his MBA from TCU.

PANELISTS



A. Dirk Hightower, Ph.D | Executive Director | Children's Institute, Inc.

Dirk Hightower has been ED of Children's Institute since 1991 and is a Senior Research Associate at the University of Rochester. He helped initiate RECAP and co-founded the COMET Informatics system. He is Past President of the New York Association of School Psychologists and Rush-Henrietta Board of Education



Andrew (Andy) MacGowan | Director of Early Childhood | Rochester City School District

Andrew MacGowan, III is the longest serving early childhood administrator at the Rochester City School District. Since joining District's Department of Research, Evaluation and Testing in 1989, he has evaluated innumerable programs and interventions, from Pre-K through high school.



Ida Perez | Chair | Parent Engagement Collaborative Action Network

During the past 28 years, Ida Perez has worked in the early childhood field as a Pre-school Teacher, Literacy Specialist and currently as Director for Ibero Children and Family Stability Services where she serves over 100 children and families. For 11 years, Ida has been part of the Early Childhood Education Quality Council.



Lauri Strano, MS | Director of Programs & Services | Children's Institute

Lauri Strano has managed large-scale community-wide collaborations and assessment systems serving young children and youth. Her experience includes working with providers, parents, and policymakers in the context of local, state, and federally funded grants and initiatives.



Annette Weld | CEO | Brighter Days Foundation

Over the past 20 years, Annette Weld has served as Executive Director of two Rochester family foundations, both focused on the well being of children. She is the current Chair of the nationally recognized Early Childhood Development Initiative and is a member of the advocacy organization The Children's Agenda.

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