



## 2013 Smart Start Oklahoma Conference

### Collaborating for Success: Economic Development for the Next Generation

#### When

April 17th:  
1:00pm - 5:00pm

April 18th:  
9:30am - 4:30am

#### Where

The Skirvin Hilton  
1 Park Avenue  
Oklahoma City,  
Oklahoma 73102

#### Heading

#### Greetings!

You're invited to attend the 2013 Smart Start Oklahoma Early Childhood Conference - Collaborating for Success: Economic Development for the Next Generation.

Now in its third year, this event seeks to bring together a broad array of stakeholders - early childhood practitioners, advocates, business leaders, and policymakers - for high-quality presentations and rich dialogue on the wide variety of fields that impact early care and education.

The two-day conference will begin Wednesday afternoon, April 17th with pre-conference sessions and a full day of sessions beginning Thursday morning, April 18th. Our featured speakers for the conference include:

- Phil Acord, President and CEO of Children's Home of Tennessee
- Major General Rita Aragon, Oklahoma Secretary of Military and Veterans Affairs
- Jill Haglund, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction
- Christine Johnson-Staub, Ceter for Law and Social Policy
- Karen Ponder, Smart Start North Carolina
- Gina Ruther, Head Start State Collaboration Director and Acting Child Care Bureau Chief for the Illinois Department of Human Service
- Margie Wallen, The Ounce of Prevention Fund

Don't miss this unique opportunity for two days of quality professional development, networking opportunities, and innovative ideas to promote school readiness in Oklahoma.

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For more information about our conference, contact Nicole Boyles at (405) 278-6978 or [nicole.boyles@smartstartok.org](mailto:nicole.boyles@smartstartok.org).

Thank you for your continued support of Smart Start Oklahoma. We look forward to seeing you in April!

Sincerely,

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