

Agenda

Welcome and Introduction, 9:30 a.m.

Keynote Address

Paul Tough, Author of *Whatever It Takes: Geoffrey Canada's Quest to Change Harlem and America*

State of School Readiness in Hamilton County

Panel Discussion and Q&A: Impact on Community - Call to Action

Peter Cooper (Moderator), President, Community Foundation of Greater Chattanooga

Dr. Carol Berz, Chattanooga City Council Member and Finance Committee Chair

Travis McDonough, Partner, Miller & Martin and member, Hamilton County Department of Education Advisory Panel

Linda Mosley, Hamilton County School Board

Dr. Jim Scales, Hamilton County Superintendent of Schools

Break and Book Signing, 12:00 p.m.

Lunch and Speaker, 12:30 p.m.

Edna Varner, Senior Program Consultant, Public Education Foundation and Director of Leadership Development, Cornerstone National Literacy Initiative

Panel Discussion and Q&A: Keys and Barriers to Success

Cory Curl (Moderator), Governor's Office of State Planning and Policy

Phil Acord, President and CEO, The Children's Home-Chambliss

Emily Baker, Principal, East Side Elementary, Hamilton County Department of Education

Dr. Brenda Benford, Director, Pre-Kindergarten, Hamilton County Department of Education

Judi Byrd, Director, Hamilton County Department of Social Services

Linda McReynolds, Senior Vice President of Organizational Development, United Way of Greater Chattanooga

Closing Remarks

State Senator Andy Berke, Member, Education Committee

Adjourn, 3:30 p.m.

The School Readiness Advisory Board

Phil Acord, The Children's Home-Chambliss
Harold H. Baker, Orange Grove Center
Dr. Brenda Benford, HCDE
Judi Byrd, Hamilton County Social Services
Dr. David Cook, Siskin Children's Institute
Linda Daniel, Tennessee Department of Human Services
Kathy Daniels, Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth
Anne Gamble, Director, Project Ready for School
Bobbie Grantham, Child Care Resource and Referral
Jackie Hill, Chattanooga State College
Dr. Kirk Kelly, HCDE
Shawn Kurrelmeier-Lee, READ 20
Donna McConnico, Signal Centers, Inc.
Beverly McKeldin, Chattanooga Department of Human Services
Linda McReynolds, United Way of Greater Chattanooga
Judy Sisk, Child Care Resource Referral
Sarah Thompson, Head Start
Debra Vaughan, Public Education Foundation

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