

Chamber Advocates at National Child Care Innovation Summit

On June 27th, **Stephanie Keinath, Vice President of Strategic Initiatives**, attended the National Child Care Innovation Summit in Washington D.C. co-hosted by the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. Over 400 attendees from across 40 states were present, including private sector leaders, non-profit leaders, policy makers and child care advocates. It was the largest and most diverse national event ever hosted about the child care crisis. This convening was focused on innovation—namely innovation happening in states and inside businesses to help address the workforce impacts caused by lack of child care access and affordability. CEO's of companies such as Corning, Chobani, UPS and Accenture spoke about how they were addressing the child care crisis to make a difference for their workers and families. U.S Secretary of Commerce, Gina Raimondo, spoke about the need of state and national leadership on this issue, while moderating a panel which included the Governors from Indiana, Colorado and Massachusetts. Takeaways from the day underscored the progress that can happen when partners across the public, private, non-profit and philanthropic sectors collaborate to advance solutions and an overwhelming consensus that access to high-quality affordable child care is an economic imperative.



Team Ohio: Left to Right: Stephanie Keinath, Vice President, Strategic Initiatives, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce; Kara Wentz, Director, Ohio Department of Children and Youth; Rick Carfagna, Senior Vice President of Government Affairs, Ohio Chamber of Commerce; Justin Barnes, Director of Workforce, Small Business & Technology Policy/Federal Affairs, Ohio Chamber of Commerce; Shannon Jones, Senior Advisor, Groundwork Ohio.

Secretary Raimondo addresses the audience at the National Child Care Innovation Summit