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"SC-EPFP is a leadership experience unlike any other in South Carolina. Having such a diverse cross-section of the state's leaders learning together provides a unique forum to help ensure all our children have an equal opportunity for educational success."

*David Laird
The Children's Trust of South Carolina
SC-EPFP Class of 2011*



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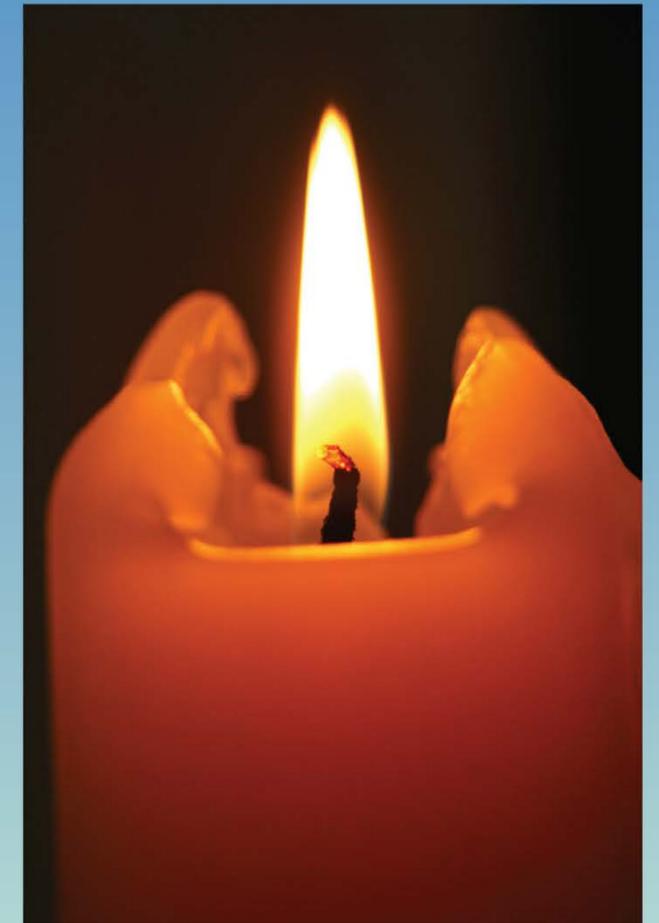
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Remember and help America remember that the fellowship of human beings is more important than the fellowship of race and class and gender in a democratic society.

- Marian Wright Edelman

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SC Education Policy Fellowship Program



SC-EPFP is a 10-month intensive professional development program for emerging leaders in education and related fields designed to work toward the implementation of sound education policy and practice in South Carolina by:

- Engaging stakeholders
- Enlarging networks
- Developing leaders
- Deepening understanding
- Honing skills
- Creating consensus
- Building capacity

Why the SC-EPFP?

The Education Policy Fellowship Program (EPFP) was created in 1964 by the Institute for Educational Leadership in Washington, DC, in anticipation of the explosive growth of the federal role in education under the 1965 Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA). The transformed federal role in education generated a need for education professionals in the states who understood the content of federal legislation, the policy process and the complex changes state systems were undergoing as a result. (More: epfp.iel.org.)

Today there is no topic more central to the future of our state and nation than education. Myriad challenges to education posed by new changes in federal level policy, the national recession and severe state budget cuts that threaten South Carolina's focus on accountability and improvement, add urgency to the need for education leadership statewide. South Carolina's EPFP is developing an influential cadre of sophisticated, broad-minded and well-networked leaders representing all stakeholder groups who will take action to improve the future of our state through education improvement and reform.

The SC-EPFP program features a variety of activities designed to promote leadership, develop professional networks, demystify education policy, and foster understanding of the roles of government and the grassroots in creating and implementing policy and practice. Fellows will learn from experts working in education and other fields relating to children and families, and will engage in dialogue with key decision-makers affecting public policy. Professional networks will be enriched as Fellows build relationships with high-caliber professionals and share their diverse points of view and expertise in their workplaces and communities.

SC-EPFP meets monthly September through June in Columbia for a full day of dialogues, interactive exercises, small group projects, book discussions, and more. An in-state, overnight Leadership Forum and a four-day Washington Policy Seminar hosted by the Institute for Educational Leadership in the nation's capitol are included in the program. Fellows may be eligible for graduate credit or certificate credits.

The Fellows

Participation in SC-EPFP is not limited to education professionals. Applicants are welcomed from all sectors - public and private - including but not limited to education, family and youth services, corporations, faith community, and non-profits. Education is everyone's business. Savvy education leaders representing all stakeholder groups are needed to more effectively move our state and nation forward.

SC-EPFP invites you to apply if you have:

- A commitment to personal and professional development on behalf of children and youth;
- A track record for making things happen – inside and across agencies/organizations;
- Substantive work experiences;
- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent;
- A full-time professional position; and
- Financial support and/or endorsement of your employer.

The Sponsors

The Education Policy Fellowship Program is a work-embedded experience that requires full support from sponsoring employers. Sponsors will reap the benefits brought to their agencies, organizations and businesses through better informed, more skillful employees who are prepared to use their abilities and relationships to improve their workplaces, local schools and communities. Building a critical mass of engaged and informed leaders will support and reform education statewide - vital to South Carolina's economic future.

Sponsors typically make a commitment to their sponsored Fellows that includes tuition, travel expenses to the Washington, DC, seminar and in-state meetings and release time from work to participate in EPFP activities. Financial sponsorship can be provided by someone other than the Fellow's employer but each Fellow's work supervisor must provide written permission for participation in the program. Sponsors will be billed for tuition prior to the first class. Support for SC-EPFP in the form of donations and scholarships is welcomed.

- Fellows must commit to full participation in the 10-month program.

Please visit sic.sc.gov/sceducationpolicyfellowshipprogram/ for current tuition cost, application, meeting dates, and more.



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