



OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

2025 OHIO CHILDCARE POLICY SUMMIT AGENDA:

Tuesday, April 1st, 2025

Ohio Chamber of Commerce – 34 South Third Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215

9:00 AM	Registration & Coffee
9:30 AM	Conference Welcome <i>Rick Carfagna, SVP of Government Affairs, Ohio Chamber of Commerce</i>
9:35 AM	Opening Keynote <i>Unveiling the “Untapped Potential: Ohio” Economic Report</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A debriefing by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation on a study to assess the direct financial impact of insufficient childcare coverage on Ohio’s economy. Presentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aaron Merchen, Senior Director, Policy & Programs, Early Childhood Education, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation• Sasha Nicholas, Associate Manager, Programs, Early Childhood Education, U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation• Callie Kennel, Principal, Cicero Group
10:20 AM	Break
10:30 AM	<i>Early Childhood Workers: Developing the Workforce Behind the Workforce</i>
11:15 AM	<i>Business Engagement Strategies for Childcare: Money Hiding in Plain Sight</i>
12:00 PM	Break/Grab Lunches
12:15 PM	Lunch Panel <i>Update on State Budget and Legislative Activity</i>
1:00 PM	<i>Keynote Speaker/Fireside Chat</i>



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- Ohio Department of Children & Youth
- Rick Carfagna, SVP of Government Affairs, Ohio Chamber of Commerce

1:30 PM

Closing Remarks