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**The CAYL Institute announces their upcoming event as part of the Good Jobs Challenge Grant to address child care challenges in Metro-Boston.**

***CAYL is serving as the backbone organization in partnership with The City of Boston to create 850 childcare jobs.***

**Boston, MA** - As part of the \$8 million Good Jobs Challenge Grant, The CAYL Institute has announced their upcoming event, “Collaborating on Child Care Challenges: A Conversation With The CAYL Institute”, to take place on November 13, 2023, at Roxbury Community College. This event will bring together key policy and program leaders from across Metro-Boston to focus on the opportunity to create pathways for change for the child care industry in Massachusetts.

This event is inspired by The CAYL Institute’s work serving as the backbone organization for the Good Jobs Metro Boston Coalition - Child Care Sectoral Partnerships, in partnership with The City of Boston’s Office of Workforce Development and the Metropolitan Area Planning Council. Through panel discussions and roundtables, participants at this event will gather to focus on the opportunity the grant provides to strengthen the early childhood education workforce while building a stronger infrastructure of support for child care.

**“Child care throughout the United States is in crisis: workforce shortages, teacher turnover, low compensation, and challenging workplace conditions result in empty classrooms, employee churn, and missed opportunities for families across the Commonwealth. Massachusetts has been leading the way in advancing early childhood education, and the**



**partnerships created with the Good Jobs Challenge are another hopeful step,” noted Dr. Valora Washington, Founder and CEO of the CAYL Institute.**

Confirmed speakers at The CAYL Institute’s event include Commissioner Amy Kershaw, Representative Andy Vargas, Sharon Scott-Chandler (President of Action for Boston Community Development), Trinh Nguyen (Chief of Worker Empowerment, Office of Workforce Development), Mandy Townsend (Senior Vice President of Employer Engagement), and José Colón-Rivas (Director of Early Childhood Education Academic Program, Urban College).

### **About The CAYL Institute**

Established in 2004, The CAYL Institute is a non-profit organization that brings multiple voices and diverse perspectives together to work toward timely, relevant, and immediately actionable solutions for young children. After a four-year hiatus, CAYL relaunched in 2021 to continue the fight for quality early education and care for all families.

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