



***"Educating Young Children: Critical Time,
Essential Profession"***

**2019 Hawaii Annual Leadership Symposium - 10/18/19
2019 Hawaii Early Childhood Conference - 10/19/19
Hawaii Convention Center**



HIAEYC is delighted and excited to Welcome Marica Cox Mitchell as our Keynote for both the Leadership Symposium on Friday and Saturday for the Hawaii Early Childhood Conference she will share her knowledge and expertise on growing early childhood as a profession! Why Now? Join us for conversations that will help to elevate and inform the work. The time is Now! It's Time to shape the future of our Profession for the sake of the children and families.

Marica Cox Mitchell, is the Director of Early Learning for the Bainum Family Foundation she will lead the efforts to build quality, comprehensive early childhood services in the District of Columbia and in other communities throughout the country.

Before joining the Foundation, Cox Mitchell worked for the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), where she most recently served as Deputy Executive Director, Early Learning Systems. In this role, she led a portfolio encompassing public policy and advocacy, accreditations of early learning programs, higher education accreditation and the Power to the Profession initiative. Prior to that, was Senior Director, NAEYC Accreditation for Higher Education Programs. She also worked for the District's Office of the State Superintendent of Education from 2009 to 2012 — serving as Director, School Preparedness Division and Supervisor, Professional Development Unit. She began her career as a teacher — working in various early learning settings as well as with young children birth through age 8.

Cox Mitchell holds a Master of Science in Educational Administration from the University of Scranton as well as a Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Education from the University of the District of Columbia.

The Bainum Family Foundation combines proven expertise with a passion for supporting the whole child by providing integrated services to help them thrive. Our circle of collaboration includes investments and support in Early Learning, Wrap-Around Support and Knowledge Building. Founded in 1968 by Stewart and Jane Bainum, the Foundation has helped underserved children exit poverty through high-quality educational programs and services for 50 years. For more information, visit bainumfdn.org.