



National Economic Forum on Early Childhood Investment: The Annual Conference of the Partnership for America's Economic Success

Telluride Summit and Proposed Principles

Telluride Summit is an annual “Davos-style” early care and education discussion forum

Last year participants decided there is a need for a universally understood context for discussing ECE policies and programs for business, government and service providers



Cost-Benefit Framework: Proposed Telluride Principles

- ✓ Proposed Telluride Principles are intended to provide a framework for successfully negotiating funding for early care and education investments
- ✓ Developed by participants at the September 2007 Telluride Summit and will be ratified at the next summit in September 21-23, 2008.
- ✓ May be useful for early care and education advocates in building child development sector collaboration.

Proposed Telluride Principles

“Long-term US economic strength depends on our future workforce. Investing in children is a vital economic growth strategy and a priority of business, government and philanthropy. Resources to invest in children are limited. To provide a framework for understanding and discussing how to allocate scarce resources, the Telluride Forum proposes the following principles --

Proposed Telluride Principles

1. **Maximizing the life success of every American child is our highest priority.**
2. **Parent and family involvement are key to a child's life success.**
3. **Children are helped most and the economy is made strongest when scarce resources are allocated on the basis of the best evidence of child outcomes.**
4. **Sound performance evaluations can assure goals are attained.**
5. **Child development programs that use private and public incentives and are scalable will be stronger.**

