

2017 Public Policy Luncheon

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Thinking Bigger About Smaller Places: The Rural South

Rural America stands in the midst an amazingly disruptive milieu - socially, culturally, demographically, economically, politically. A collective impact approach, targeted to systems change, will be necessary to secure new advantages in rural areas. This is true in all sectors, but especially important in early childhood education and in efforts to

address the rural social determinants of health. This presentation will address emerging rural opportunities, outline the critical importance of regional rural innovation in the lives of rural children, and suggest exemplary models worth emulation.

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