

Louise Stoney



Louise Stoney is an independent consultant specializing in early care and education policy, co-founder of the Alliance for Early Childhood Finance and a principal investigator of the Linking Economic Development and Child Care project. She has worked in public policy for more than thirty years, including positions as a staff member in the New York State legislature, policy director for a state child care resource and referral network, and instructor for the Center for Women in Government at the State University of New York at Albany. Louise works with state and local governments, national policy organizations, child advocacy groups, and foundations. Her client list includes administrators, advocates, academics and foundations in over 35 states, seven cities (including New York, San Francisco, Miami and the District of Columbia) and the Cherokee Nation. She has worked for more than 23 national organizations including groups such as the National Conference of State Legislatures, National Governors Association, the United Way, Cornell University, the Committee for Economic Development, the American Enterprise Institute, and Smart Start's National Technical Assistance Center. Through her work with Anne Mitchell on the Alliance for Early Childhood Finance, she has spearheaded a national conversation on early childhood finance reform.

Louise has written extensively. With Anne Mitchell, she co-authored *Financing Child Care in The United States: An Expanded Catalog of Current Strategies* for the Kauffman and Pew Foundations; *Smarter Reform: Moving Beyond Single Program Solutions to an Early Care and Education System* for the Journal of Community Development Society; *Tax Credits to Promote High Quality Early Care and Education Services* for the Partnership for America's Economic Success; *Financing Early Childhood Care and Education Systems: A Standards-Based Approach* for a book published by Rice University, and several reports on financing child care quality rating systems, including a 2009 issue brief *Maximizing Resources from the Stimulus Package: Strategies for Funding Quality Rating and Improvement Systems*. Most recently, Louise served a guest blogger for the New America Foundation's *Early Ed Watch*, and authored several articles and reports on shared services in early care and education, including the cover story for the September, 2009 issue of Child Care Information Exchange and a new policy report entitled *Shared Services: A New Business Model to Support Scale and Sustainability in Early Care and Education*.

Louise has consulted with many large and small foundations. She is currently working with the Annie E. Casey Foundation, the David and Laura Merage Foundation, the William Penn Foundation and the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to develop and test new administrative models and shared platforms for the early care and education industry. In partnership with John Weiser, she co-founded Opportunities Exchange (<http://www.opportunities-exchange.org/home>) to support this work.

Louise recently relocated from upstate New York to Lake Worth, Florida.