

# 2016 Chairmen's Summit on Early Childhood

Join leaders from across South Carolina for a unique learning experience, highlighting community success stories from across The Palmetto State. Featured speakers include:

## Dr. Dana Suskind

**Professor of Surgery and Pediatrics  
University of Chicago  
Author, *Thirty Million Words***



Dr. Suskind is the founder and director of the *Thirty Million Words Initiative*. Based on scientific research that shows the critical importance of early language exposure on the developing child, *Thirty Million Words* helps parents enhance home language environments to optimize their children's brain development and ability to learn.

## Dr. Julie Washington

**Professor of Communication Sciences  
and Disorders  
Georgia State University**



Early literacy development requires more than is commonly acknowledged. In her presentation, *The Early Literacy Trifecta*, Dr. Julie Washington of Georgia State University will explore the powerful interactions between language, literacy and executive function in the acquisition of the skills that underlie school and life success.

## Wednesday, December 7, 2016 – 10:00am-4:00pm

**DoubleTree Hotel, 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC**

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