

Schedule

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Dr. Orgul Ozturk:
*Registration, Coffee, and
introduction to C2C*

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM

Dr. Luke Rodgers: *Financing
Child Care and Returns: What
Works for Families, Providers,
and the Workforce*

9:50 AM - 10:35 AM

Dr. Breyon Williams:
*Classrooms in the Digital Age:
Cell Phones, AI, and the
Evidence on Learning*

10:45 AM - 11:30 AM

Dr. Sarah Komisarow: *Every Day
Counts: Understanding and
Reducing Chronic Absenteeism*

11:35 AM - 12:25 PM

Dr. Jeffrey Denning: *Paying for
College - and Making College
Pay Off: Evidence on
Postsecondary Access and
Success*

12:30 PM - 1:30 PM

Dr. Orgul Ozturk and Dr.
Rebecca Battle-Bryant:

Lunch + Keynote Speakers

*Policy in Practice: Aligning
Education, Talent, and
Opportunity in South Carolina*

1:45 PM - 2:30 PM

Dr. Catalina Amuedo Dorantes:
*Immigration Policy at Work:
Effects on Workers, Families,
and Local Economies*

2:35 PM - 3:20 PM

Dr. Alicia Plemmons: *Rules,
Skills, and Opportunity:
Regulation in Education and
Labor Markets*

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

*Roundtables and Breakout
Sessions*

Cradle to Career Conference



**September 25th, 2026,
8:30 AM - 6:30 PM**

***1014 Greene St, Columbia, SC 29208
Sonoco Pavilion, Darla Moore School of Business***

Join SC EPIC for a dynamic, day-long conference exploring how applied economic research can inform education and workforce policy from cradle to career. Featuring expert panels, agency leaders, and interactive discussions, the event highlights data-driven strategies to strengthen South Carolina.



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