

# BUILD INITIATIVE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

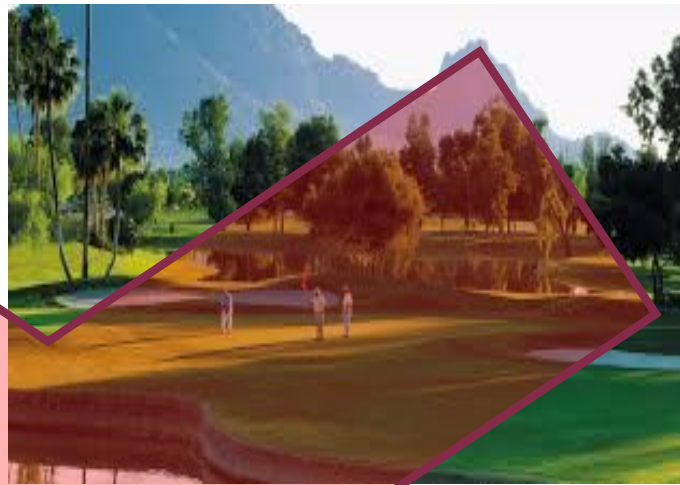
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# BROAD BRUSHSTROKE TAKEAWAYS FROM CONFERENCE

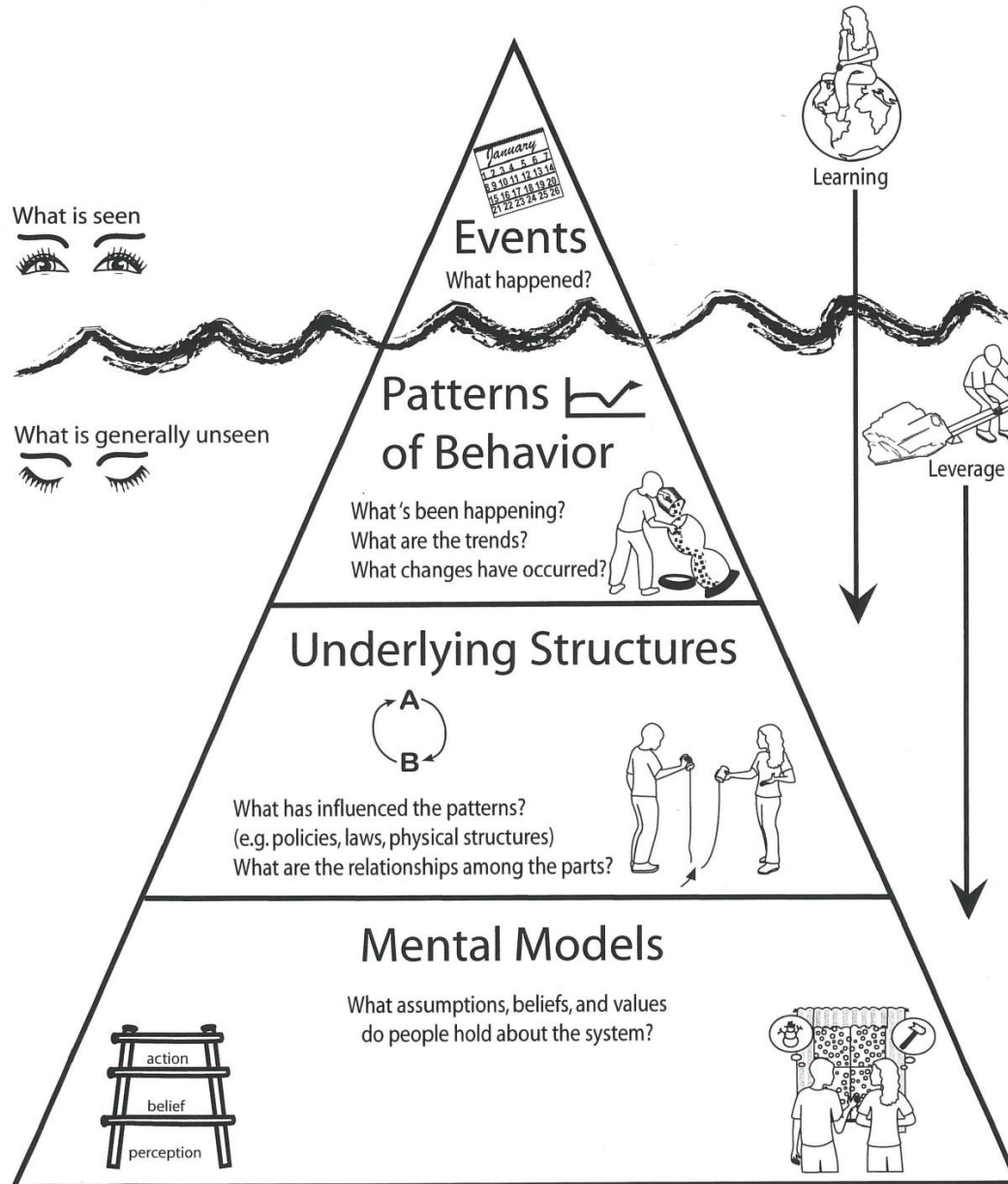
- Great to hear other State's What Works and What Remains Challenging.
- NYS ECAC is in line with other State's vision of Early Care and Learning systems building.
- In addition, the 9 other States are challenged with the same obstacles, perhaps just in varying stages of progress.
- Inspired by the depth of knowledge and commitment of my fellow members of the NY Delegation.

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- ◉ Unintended consequences of braided and blended funding.



# Iceberg... Seeing What's Below the Surface



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