

Policy Committee

Committee Charge

The Policy Committee, originally established in 1977 and renamed in 2024, is responsible for ongoing consultation to SRCD regarding its activities in the following areas:

1. Supporting implementation of SRCD's strategic plan,
2. Linking research with global, national, and state/local policies that affect children and families,
3. Keeping membership apprised on policy to inform science,
4. Informing governmental decision-making regarding research on child development,
5. Encouraging the development of leaders in the translation of research to policy and practice, and
6. Enhancing the effective dissemination of developmental science.

The committee works through direct participation in activities and through close consultation with the SRCD Policy Director. In order to carry out this responsibility, the committee is organized in the following subcommittees:

- **Fellowship:** Assist with the annual selection of the SRCD U.S. Policy Fellowship program.
- **Science Policy:** Inform decision making on funding levels for research on child development, how science is conducted (e.g., human subjects and clinical trial regulations), and opportunities for future research. Ensure that developmental researchers are kept informed of science policy issues that are relevant to their ability to conduct research. For example, this work may include attending advocacy days on Capitol Hill, nominating SRCD members to distinguished federal positions and committees, and joining with other scientific societies on joint actions.
- **Social Policy:** Increase the visibility and impact of developmental research for example, by providing brief summaries of key research for policymakers through the [Child Policy Briefs](#) program. Provide

support and input on the [Child Policy Connect](#) program, to facilitate greater networking and relationship building between scholars and policymakers. Keep members apprised of relevant policy knowledge and training to improve partnerships between scholars and policymakers.

- **Conference:** Facilitate relationship-building connections between SRCD members, policymakers, and practitioners at SRCD meetings, and build the discipline’s policy capacity through regular trainings.

Committee Roster

Caitlin Lombardi, Co-Chair	2019- 2025	University of Connecticut
Sara Vecchiotti, Co-Chair	2023- 2027	Foundation for Child Development
Jennifer Brooks	2020- 2025	Jennifer L. Brooks, LLC
R. Gabriela Barajas-Gonzalez	2021- 2025	New York University School of Medicine
Susan Jekielek	2021- 2025	University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
Amy Marks	2021- 2025	Suffolk University
Ana Whitaker	2022- 2025	University of Delaware
Dalal Katsiaficas	2022- 2027	University of Illinois at Chicago
Dara Blachman-Demner	2023- 2027	National Institutes of Health
Guadalupe Diaz-Lara	2023- 2027	California State University - Fullerton
Steven John Holochwost	2023- 2027	Lehman College City University of New York
Morgan Crossman	2024- 2027	Building Bright Futures of Vermont
Alaina Flannigan	2024- 2027	Child Trends

Marisa Morin	2024- 2027	Office of Child Care, Administration of Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Matt Stagner	2024- 2027	Mathematica
Tanya Tavassolie	2024- 2027	Office of Child Care, Administration of Children and Families, U.S Department of Health and Human Services
Qingyang Liu, SECC Representative	2023- 2025	Syracuse University
Lisa Berlin, Ex Officio	2023- 2026	University of Maryland School of Social Work
Emilie Smith, Governing Council Representative, Ex-Officio	2021- 2027	Michigan State University
Suzanne Le Menestrel, Ex-Officio	2024-	Society for Research in Child Development
Lindsay Turner Trammell, Ex Officio	2022-	Society for Research in Child Development
Taylor Savage, Staff Liaison	2025-	Society for Research in Child Development