

PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Wednesday, October 5th, 2016

- AGENDA -

- 8:30am** **Registration / Networking**
- 9:00am** **Welcome**
Katharine Hill, St. Catherine University – University of St. Thomas School of Social Work
Jane Kretzmann, Elders for Infants
Representative Dave Pinto
- 9:10am** **Overview and Barriers to Prenatal Care**
Susan Castellano, Minnesota Department of Health
- 9:20am** **Factors in Prenatal Development**
Colleen Doyle, University of Minnesota Institute of Child Development
- 9:35am** **Early Childhood & Family Education**
Michael P. Brown, Minnesota Department of Education
- 9:45am** **Early Parenting**
Glen Palm, Elder for Infants (formerly St. Cloud State University)
- 10:00am** **Community Response to Challenges in Prenatal Care**
Fartun Weli, Isuroon
Akhmiri Sekhr-Ra, Cultural Wellness Center
- 10:20am** **Break**
- 10:35am** **Prenatal to Three Policy Plan**
Richard Chase, Wilder Foundation
Roxana Linares, Centro Tyrone Guzman
Clara Sharp, Ahava Birthworks
- 10:55am** **Coalition Reports & Updates**
Paid Family Leave Coalition
Minnesota Association for Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health
MinneMinds
Minnesota's Future
Minnesota Communities Caring for Children
- 11:25am** **Wrap-up**
- 11:30am** **Adjourn**



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The success of our state depends on getting every child off to a great start. Many organizations and coalitions are working on plans across a wide variety of topics – from prenatal care to early learning, from home visiting to screenings, and more. The Prenatal to Three Policy Forums are intended to provide a space for early-childhood advocates, and those interested in this critical topic, to share their plans and build toward a unified agenda.

The Forums, founded by Elders for Infants and Representative Dave Pinto and held quarterly, are intended to:

- 1. Share plans:** Again, many advocates, organizations, and coalitions are working in this space. Simply being aware of the plans of others will help lead to more coordination and better results for kids.
- 2. Establish a common base of knowledge:** Early-childhood policy encompasses a vast range of policy areas. No one person knows everything. But every early-childhood advocate should have the basics, with an understanding of the intersections between policy areas and – critically – the cultural and community dynamics involved.
- 3. Build relationships:** Advocates, organizations, and coalitions can sometimes work at cross-purposes with one another. A regular chance to meet can increase a sense of teamwork and unity on behalf of our youngest Minnesotans.

The bulk of each Forum consists of presentations focused on a single theme (e.g., prenatal care and early parenting). At the end of each Forum, coalitions – those representing multiple organizations and disciplines – provide an update on their proposals for early-childhood policy. The Forums are webcast to advocates and others statewide.

