

PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Monday, March 27, 2017

- AGENDA -

- 8:30am Registration / Networking**
- 9:00am Welcome**
Barbara W. Shank, Dean and Professor, St. Catherine University and University of St. Thomas School of Social Work
Representative Dave Pinto
Representative Deb Kiel
Katherine Hill, Professor, St. Catherine University and University of St. Thomas School of Social Work
- 9:10am CCAP & Federal Compliance**
Laurie Possin, Department of Human Services
- 9:20am Questions**
- 9:30am Policymaker Panel**
Representative Peggy Flanagan
Representative Deb Kiel
Senator Jerry Relph
Senator Melissa Wiklund
Melvin Carter, Executive Director, Minnesota Children's Cabinet
- 10:20am Break**
- 10:35am Coalition Updates**
Ben Horowitz, Kids Can't Wait Coalition
Clara Sharp, Community Leadership Doula Coalition
Alberto Monserrate, MinneMinds
Gayle Kelly, Minnesota Head Start Association
Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn, Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting
Clare Sanford, Minnesota's Future
Lisa Stratton, Minnesotans for Paid Family Leave
Daniel Yang, Voices & Choices for Children
Sue Abderholden, Mental Health Legislative Network
- 11:20am Wrap-up**

Hosted by:

Elders for Infants

Rep. Deb Kiel

Rep. Dave Pinto

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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.

