

# PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Tuesday, July 11, 2017

## - AGENDA -

**8:30am**      **Registration / Networking**

**9:00am**      **Welcome**

*Corrine Carvalho, Interim Dean and Professor, St. Catherine University and University of St. Thomas School of Social Work*  
*Representative Dave Pinto*  
*Senator Jerry Relph*  
*Jane Kretzmann, Elders for Infants*

**9:10am**      **2017 Legislative Session Recap**

*Bharti Wahi, Children's Defense Fund*  
*Sue Abderholden, NAMI Minnesota*  
*Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn, Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting*  
*Senator Jerry Relph*

**10:20am**      **Break**

**10:35am**      **Coalition Updates ("What are you currently working on?")**

*Daniel Gumnit, MinneMinds*  
*Sue Abderholden, Mental Health Legislative Network*  
*Bharti Wahi, Voices & Choices for Children*  
*Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn, Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting*  
*Lars Negstad, Minnesotans for Paid Family Leave*  
*Jessica Anderson, Kids Can't Wait Coalition*  
*Nora Springer, Minnesota Head Start Association*  
*Clara Sharp, Community Leadership Doula Coalition*  
*Clare Sanford, Minnesota's Future*

**11:50am**      **Wrap-up**

**Hosted by:**

**Elders for Infants**

**Sen. Jerry Relph**

**Rep. Dave Pinto**

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## Prenatal to Three Policy Forums

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.

