

# PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Monday, April 16, 2018

## - AGENDA -

- 8:30am**      **Registration / Networking**
- 9:00am**      **Welcome**  
*Corrine Carvalho, Interim Dean & Professor, St. Catherine University & University of St. Thomas School of Social Work*  
*Representative Dave Pinto*  
*Senator Jerry Relph*  
*Jane Kretzmann, Elders for Infants*
- 9:10am**      **Fundamentals: The Economic & Societal Context for Infant-Toddler Care**  
*Aaron Sojourner, Carlson School of Management*
- 9:50am**      **Q & A**
- 10:05am**      **Break**
- 10:25am**      **Early Childhood Workforce Study**  
*Christa Anders, Advance Consulting LLC*
- 10:35am**      **Birth to Age 8 Initiative in Dakota County**  
*Kelly Harder, Dakota County*
- 10:45am**      **Early-Childhood System Reform Project**  
*Cindi Yang and Tracy Roloff, MN Department of Human Services*
- 10:55am**      **Coalition Updates** ("What are you currently working on in the area of prenatal to three policy? What's happening at the Capitol on your priorities in that area?")  
- *Voices & Choices for Children*  
- *Minnesota's Future*  
- *Minnesota Head Start Coalition*  
- *Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting*  
- *MinneMinds*  
- *Kids Can't Wait Coalition*  
- *Community Leadership Doula Coalition*  
- *Minnesota Children's Cabinet*  
- *Q & A*
- 11:55am**      **Wrap-Up**  
*Senator Jerry Relph*  
*Representative Dave Pinto*

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**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.

