

# PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Monday, January 14, 2019

## - AGENDA -

- 9:00am**      **Welcome**  
*Katharine Hill, University of St. Thomas / St. Catherine University School of Social Work*  
*Representative Dave Pinto*  
*Senator Jerry Relph*  
*Jane Kretzmann, Elders for Infants*
- 9:10am**      **Perspectives from the Legislative Caucuses**  
*Senator Jerry Relph*                      *Representative Dave Pinto*  
*Senator Melissa Wiklund*
- 9:40am**      **Legislative Proposals: Family Services & Support**  
*ISAIAH (paid family leave)*      *Targeted Home Visiting Coalition*  
*Doula Coalition*                      *Reach Out & Read*
- 10:05am**      **Legislative Proposals: Family Services & Support**  
*Early Childhood Workforce Task Force*  
*Head Start (workforce proposals)*  
*Voices & Choices for Children*  
*Early Learning Council (expanded Help Me Grow)*
- 10:30am**      **Break**
- 10:50am**      **Legislative Proposals: Early Development & Care – Funding**  
*MinneMinds*                      *Head Start*  
*Kids Can't Wait*                      *MN Child Care Association (tax credits)*
- 11:20am**      **Legislative Proposals: Early Development & Care – Standards & Supply**  
*ECE Crisis Work Group (Parent Aware & CCAP)*  
*Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities*
- 11:35am**      **Legislative Proposals: Using Data & System Reform**  
*Early Learning Council (KEP and ECLDS)*  
*ECE Crisis Work Group (coordination of CCAP and scholarships)*
- 11:50am**      **Wrap-Up**

Hosted by:

Elders for Infants

Rep. Dave Pinto

Sen. Jerry Relph

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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.

