

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.

