

PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Monday, April 29, 2019
- AGENDA -

- 9–9:15am** **Welcome**
Corrine Carvahlo, Interim Dean St. Catherine's University and University of Saint Thomas School of Social Work
Representative Dave Pinto and Senator Jerry Relph
Jane Kretzmann, Elders for Infants
- 9:15–9:25am** **Erin Bailey, Director of Children's Cabinet**
- 9:25–9:55am** **Preschool Development Grant**
Amanda Varley, Minnesota Department of Education
- 9:55–10:25am** **Legislative Advocacy Update**
Prenatal to 3 Coalition
- 10:25–10:45am** **Networking Break**
- 10:45–11:25am** **Screening in Minnesota: An Overview**
Pat Pulice, Fraser
- 11:25–11:55am** **"Risk, Reach, and Resilience" Report**
Elizabeth Carlson, University of Minnesota
Richard Chase, Wilder Research
- 11:55am** **Wrap up**

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Rep. Dave Pinto

Sen. Jerry Relph

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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.

