

PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Friday, July 19, 2019

- AGENDA -

- 8:30am** **Welcome**
Corrine Carvalho, Interim Dean, University of St. Thomas School of Social Work
Rep. Dave Pinto
Sen. Jerry Relph
Jane Kretzmann, Elders for Infants
- 8:40am** **Legislative Session Recap**
Laura LaCroix - Dalluhn, Prenatal to Three Coalition
Kelly Wolfe, Children's Minnesota
Etonde Awaah, Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting
Eric Amacanqui, Children's Defense Fund - Minnesota
Denise Mayotte, Sheltering Arms Foundation for MinneMinds
Clare Sanford, Minnesota Child Care Association
Christa Anders, B-8 Workgroup
May Lososo, Voices & Choices
Jennifer Bertram, Children's Defense Fund - Minnesota
Cisa Keller, Think Small
Sen. Jerry Relph
Rep. Dave Pinto
- 9:40am** **Q&A**
- 10:10am** **Break**
- 10:30am** **Early Childhood Mental Health**
Catherine Wright, Department of Human Services
- 11:30am** **Minnesota Children's Cabinet**
Erin Bailey, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Management & Budget
- 11:40am** **Preschool Development Grant**
Amanda Varley, Department of Education
- 11:50am** **Wrap-Up**

Hosted by:

Elders for Infants

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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.

