Tuesday, January 28, 2020
AGENDA

9:00am Welcome
Dr. Katherine Hill, University of St. Thomas
School of Social Work
Rep. Dave Pinto
Sen. Jerry Relph
Jane Kretzmann, Elders for Infants

9:10am Legislative Preview: Caucuses and Administration
Rep. Lisa Demuth
Rep. Dave Pinto
Sen. Jerry Relph
Sen. Melissa Wiklund
Aara Johnson, Office of the Governor
Stephanie Hogenson, Minnesota Children’s Cabinet

9:50am Q&A

10:15am Break / Legislative Preview

10:40am Legislative Preview: Coalitions
Kids Can’t Wait
Mental Health Legislative Network
Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting
Minnesotans for Paid Family Leave
Prenatal to Three Policy Coalition
Voices & Choices for Children

11:15am Q&A

11:40am Preschool Development Grant
Joan Brandt, Minnesota Department of Health

11:50am Family Child Care Task Force
Rep. Ami Wazlawik

11:55am Wrap-up
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.