

PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Monday, January 25, 2021
AGENDA

- 9:00am** **Welcome and Recognition of the late Senator Jerry Relph**
- 9:10am** **Legislative Session Preview: Early Care & Learning Proposals**
Debra Fitzpatrick, Children's Defense Fund
Clare Sanford, Minnesota Child Care Association
- 9:35am** **Legislative Session Preview: Other Proposals Relating to Prenatal to Three**
Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn, Prenatal to 3 Policy Coalition and Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting
- 10:00am** **Legislative Session Preview: Legislator Perspective**
Rep. Dave Pinto (DFL - St. Paul)
Rep. Lisa Demuth (GOP - Cold Spring)
- 10:10am** **Q&A**
- 10:25am** **Wrap-up**

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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.

