

PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Thursday, January 20, 2022
AGENDA

- 9:00am** **Welcome**
*Dean MayKao Hang, Morrison Family College of Health,
University of St. Thomas*
- 9:10am** **Budget and Policy Context**
*Jeff Bauer, American Academy of Pediatrics - Minnesota
Chapter*
- 9:15am** **Legislative Session Preview: Review of Proposals**
*Debra Fitzpatrick, Children's Defense Fund
Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn, Prenatal to Three Policy Coalition
and Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting*
- 9:50am** **Legislative Session Preview: Legislator Perspective**
*Senator Karin Housley (R - Stillwater)
Senator Melissa Wiklund (DFL - Bloomington)
Representative Ruth Richardson (DFL - Mendota Heights)
Representative Lisa Demuth (R - Cold Spring)*
- 10:15am** **Q&A**
- 10:40am** **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.

