

# PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Monday, April 4, 2022  
AGENDA

- 9:00am**      **Welcome**  
*Renee Hepperlin, University of St. Thomas School of Social Work*
- 9:05am**      **Legislative Session Update**  
*Debra Fitzpatrick, Children's Defense Fund*
- 9:20am**      **Prenatal to Three Policy Roadmap for Minnesota**  
*Cynthia Osborne, Prenatal to Three Policy Impact Center*
- 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.

