

PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Wednesday, July 13, 2022
AGENDA

- 9:00am** **Welcome**
Dr. Erin Curran, Morrison Family College of Health
Jane Kretzmann, Elders for Infants
- 9:10am** **Recap of the Legislative Session**
Rep. Lisa Demuth (R-Cold Spring)
Rep. Dave Pinto (DFL-St. Paul)
- 9:40am** **Reconnecting: Networking & Conversations on Challenges**
- *What challenges have families of young kids experienced over the last few years in particular?*
 - *What has gotten in the way of progress in MN in prenatal-to-three?*
- 10:10am** **Ideas & Inspiration from Other States**
Lauren Zbyszinski, The Hunt Institute
- 10:30am** **Q&A**
- 10:50am** **Reenergizing: Networking & Conversations on Opportunities**
- *In the reports from other states, what did you find insightful or inspiring?*
 - *What do we need to do in MN to make progress for prenatal-to-three?*
 - *How can the Forums help? Any suggested changes to them?*
- 11:20am** **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 Forums are webcast to advocates and others statewide.

