

PRENATAL TO THREE POLICY FORUM

Friday, January 6, 2017

- AGENDA -

- 8:30am** **Registration / Networking**
- 9:00am** **Welcome**
Barbara W. Shank, Dean and Professor, St. Catherine University and University of St. Thomas School of Social Work
Representative Dave Pinto
Representative Ron Kresha
Jane Kretzmann, Elders for Infants
- 9:10am** **The Culture of Fatherhood**
Dave Ellis, Elders for Infants & Independent Consultant
Glen Palm, Elders for Infants (formerly St. Cloud State University)
- 9:25am** **Fostering Development: A Two-Generation Approach**
Glenace Edwall, Elders for Infants & Independent Consultant
Allie Giovanelli, Institute of Child Development, University of Minnesota
- 9:45am** **Department of Human Services Briefing**
James Koppel, Assistant Commissioner for Children & Family Services, Department of Human Services
- 10:05am** **Break**
- 10:20am** **Coalition Reports & Updates**
Clara Sharp, Community Leadership Doula Coalition
Frank Forsberg, MinneMinds
Michele Fallon, Minnesota Association for Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health
Gayle Kelly, Minnesota Head Start Association
Laura LaCroix-Dalluhn, Minnesota Coalition for Targeted Home Visiting
Clare Sanford, Minnesota's Future
Lars Negstad, Minnesotans for Paid Family Leave
Daniel Yang, Voices & Choices for Children
- 11:25am** **Wrap-up**
Representative Ron Kresha
Representative Dave Pinto
- 11:30am** **Adjourn**

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Rep. Ron Kresha

Rep. Dave Pinto

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Prenatal to Three Policy Forums

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.

