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
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.