

2017 Children & Youth Issues Briefing

Friday, January 27, 8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

**“Helping Children Succeed to Build a Stronger Minnesota”
Our Children. Our Future.**

PROGRAM AGENDA

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Emcee: Frank Forsberg, Senior Vice President, Greater Twin Cities United Way

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome**
Denise Mayotte, Executive Director, The Sheltering Arms Foundation
- 8:35 a.m. Office of the Governor**
Jaime Tincher, Chief of Staff, Office of Governor Dayton
- 8:45 a.m. National Political and Economic Landscape**
Nan Madden, Director, Minnesota Budget Project
- 9:00 a.m. Legislative Leadership Perspectives**
Representative Kurt Daudt, Speaker of the House, Minnesota House of Representatives
- 9:15 a.m. Spoken Word Performance**
Chava Gabrielle, Literary and Performance Artist
- 9:20 a.m. Building Success Through A Multi-Generation Approach, Prenatal to Age 5**
Moderator: Jon Ruis, President & CEO, United Way of Central Minnesota
- Leslie Bouchonville, Director, Pine-River Backus Family Center
 - Brenda Cassellius, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Education
 - Tammy Filippi, Early Childhood Specialist, Initiative Foundation
 - Patina Park, Executive Director, Indian Women’s Resource Center
 - Bharti Wahi, Executive Director, Children’s Defense Fund of Minnesota
- 10:00 a.m. Creating Innovative Career Pathways for High School Youth**
Moderator: Joe Gothard, Superintendent, Burnsville-Eagan-Savage School District #191
- Laura Bordelon, Senior Vice President of Advocacy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
 - Kari Denissen Cunnien, Executive Director, Ignite Afterschool
 - Crystal, Student, Minneapolis Community and Technical College-D3 Destination: Diploma to Degree
 - Tyrese, Student, Burnsville High School
- 10:40 a.m. Emerging Policies for Children and Youth: A Legislative Panel Discussion**
Moderator: Lori Sturdevant, Editorial Writer and Columnist, Star Tribune
- Justin Eichorn, E-12 Finance Committee Vice Chair, Minnesota Senate
 - Susan Kent, E-12 Policy Committee Minority Lead, Minnesota Senate
 - Jenifer Loon, Education Finance Committee Chair, Minnesota House of Representatives
 - Erin Maye Quade, Education Innovation Policy Committee Member, Minnesota House of Representatives
- 11:10 a.m. Advocating for Children and Youth**
Sarah Caruso, President and CEO, Greater Twin Cities United Way
- 11:15 a.m. Adjourn**

