

## **Early Childhood Caucus**

This bipartisan interest group is open to House and Senate members supportive of quality early childhood care and education for all Minnesota children.

The purpose of the caucus is to influence and shape public policies that impact Minnesota's youngest children, their families and caregivers. The caucus seeks to inform legislators, create dialogue, build consensus, and provide direction for legislative action.

Issues discussed:

- research on brain development in the formative years, and subsequent necessity for good child care/pre-school education for young children
- quality care and education programs
- access to information for parents
- closing the achievement gap through pre-K programs

The group meets monthly or more (as needed) over lunchtime or in the evening.

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