

Early Childhood Day at the Legislature

Early Childhood Day at the Legislature Agenda Wednesday, March 17th, 2010

9:00 - 9:25 **Welcome and Opening Remarks** (Barbara Postman, Kids Are Priority One Coalition and Representative Bill Frank) *Capitol Plaza Hotel, Ballroom*

9:25 - 10:25 **Keynote Address** (Karen Ponder, past president for the North Carolina Partnership for Children)

10:35 - 11:35 **Moving Building Bright Futures Forward: How Legislators and Advocates Can Talk About Vermont's Early Childhood System** (Participants will choose one work sessions)

- ***Crisp Messaging for Legislators***: This skill-building session focuses on how to talk about the inherent value of a coordinated early childhood system in a way that policymakers can understand and are motivated to act on. *Rooms 335 & 338*
- ***Stories of the System***: Participants will learn how to describe local experiences and accomplishments in a way that illustrates how each effort contributes to building an early childhood system. Participants are asked to bring specific examples of what they see as early childhood accomplishments *Montpelier Room*
- ***Developing an Organizing Strategy for Building Bright Futures***: Participants will either discuss legislative opportunities if Building Bright Futures legislation (S.268) has not passed or discuss how to move forward if the bill has been approved by House and Senate *Executive Board Room*

11:45 - 12:45 **Legislator Luncheon** *Capitol Plaza Hotel, Ballroom*

1:00 - 1:30 **Resolutions Read in the State House House & Senate Galleries**

1:40 - 2:10 **Press Conference in the State House Cedar Creek Room**

Adjournment (there is no formal closing to the day)