

Commission to Develop a Strategic Priorities Plan for Maine's Young Children

Thursday, September 6, 2007
Taxation Committee Room - State House, Room 127

AGENDA

- 9:00am** **Convening of the Commission**
- Welcome and introduction of Commission members
 - Review of Commission purpose, duties and requirements (*staff*)
- 9:30am** **“Invest Early in Maine’s Future”** *Steven Rowe, Attorney General*
- 10:15am** **Overview of Early Care and Education in Maine**
- Maine Children’s Cabinet
- *Lauren Sterling* (10:15-10:30)
- Department of Health and Human Services
- *Sheryl Peavey* (10:30-10:45) – Task Force on Early Childhood; Early Childhood Systems Initiative; State Plan for Humane Early Childhood Systems; Home Visiting
 - *Carolyn Drugge* (10:45-11:00) – Child Care and Head Start
 - *Patti Woolley* (11:00-11:15) – Early Childhood Division & Systems Change
 - *Barbara VanBurgel* (11:15-11:30) – Office of Integrated Access and Support / TANF and Transitional Child Care
- Department of Education
- *Janine Blatt* (11:30-11:45) - Pre-Kindergarten
 - *Debra Hannigan* (11:45-12:00) - Child Development Services
- Question and Answer Period (12:00-12:30)
- 12:30pm** **** Lunch break ****
- 1:30pm** **Economic Returns to Early Childhood Investment** (*staff*)
- The economic argument for investment
 - Research evidence from program evaluations
- 2:00pm** **ECE Policy Review – Recent Policy Making and Program Models** (*staff*)
- Recent Legislative proposals and laws enacted in Maine
 - Sampling of policies and programs from other states and industrialized nations
- 2:30pm** **Preliminary Ideas & Suggestions for the Strategic Investment Plan** (*members*)
- 3:15pm** **Review Work Plan for Meetings 2-4 / Subcommittees** (*staff & members*)
- 3:45pm** **Adjournment**