



Minnesota Legislative Policy Conference
Minnesota's Children, Minnesota's Future
Tuesday, February 13, 2024
Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School of Public Affairs

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 9:00 - 9:05 a.m. Welcome by Senate Majority Leader **Erin Murphy**
- 9:05 - 9:50 a.m. Minnesota's Economic and Demographic Realities
Laura Kalambokidis, MN State Economist
Susan Brower, MN State Demographer
Moderated by Senate Majority Leader Erin Murphy
- 9:50 - 10:45 a.m. How Early Childhood Experiences Affect Development and Lifelong Health
Dr. Lindsey Burghardt, Harvard Center on the Developing Child
Q&A with Dr. Megan Gunnar, University of Minnesota
Moderated by House Speaker Melissa Hortman
- 10:45 - 10:55 a.m. The Brain Architecture Game—Instructions by **Dr. Gunnar**
- 10:55 - 11:10 a.m. Break & Transition
- 11:10 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. The Brain Architecture Game & Debrief with **Dr. Gunnar**
- 12:00 - 12:45 p.m. Lunch - A Business Perspective
Doug Baker, E2SG Partners
Introduced by House Minority Leader Lisa Demuth
- 12:45 - 2:00 p.m. Perspectives by Policy Area
- *Community Safety* - Hennepin County Sheriff **Dawanna Witt**
 - *Lifelong Health* - **Dr. P. Gigi Chawla**, Children's Hospital
 - *Housing Stability* - **Cathy ten Broeke**, Minnesota Interagency Council on Homelessness
 - *Economic & Workforce Development* - **Scott Marquardt**, Southwest Initiative Foundation & Greater MN Partnership
 - *Environment & Infrastructure* - **Dr. Ruby Nguyen**, University of Minnesota
- Moderated by Senate Minority Leader Mark Johnson*