



BEST BEGINNINGS

Alaska's Early Childhood Investment

Alaska Governor's Summit on Early Learning Issue Brief #4

This is the fourth Issue Brief in a series on early learning topics to provide background information in preparation for the Summit.

State Representative Elizabeth Coulson (R), of Glenview, Illinois, is currently serving her sixth term in the Illinois General Assembly. Representative Coulson has received numerous awards for her work on issues and legislation affecting children, seniors and the disabled.

Some of her affiliations are as a member of the Elementary and Secondary Education Appropriations, Human Services Appropriations, Financial Institutions and Human Services Committees. She also serves on the Early Learning Commission, the Early Intervention Legislative Advisory Committee, and the Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership.

Representative Coulson will be speaking about how Illinois policy makers are working together to make their vision for early learning a reality and to ensure young children are a priority in their state.

Below are links to two reports that share some of the work Illinois is doing. They will be provided to participants in hard copy at the Summit.

- *Ready for School: The Case for Including Babies and Toddlers As We Expand Preschool Opportunities*
http://www.ounceofprevention.org/user_nav.php?EditID=44&Level=2
- *Preschool for All: High Quality Early Education For All of Illinois' Children*
http://www.illinois.gov/gov/elc/reports/Preschool-for-All_1106.pdf

For more information about Illinois' early learning commitment, please visit <http://www.illinois.gov/learning/preschool.cfm>