

Tri-State Legislative Forum

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Friday, December 6, 2019

Western Iowa Tech Community College (WITCC)

4647 Stone Avenue, Room W108

Parking Lot 3, Entrance 12

Dr. Robert E. Dunker Student Center

Sioux City, Iowa

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome** Dan Moore, Chair of SIMPCO Regional Policy and Legislative Committee
- Introductions** Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director, SIMPCO
- 9:40 a.m. SIMPCO Presentation**
Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director - SIMPCO
- 9:50 a.m. Panel Discussion: Childcare and Workforce Retention/Attraction**
Erika Fuentes, Director of Child Development – Crittenton Center
Kerri Hall, Early Childhood Iowa Director – Siouxland Human Investment Partnership
JoAnn Gieselman, Growing Community Connections Director – Siouxland Human Investment Partnership
Melissa Juhl, Regional Director for Iowa Child Care Resource and Referral
- 10:35 a.m. Panel Discussion: Connecting Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota through Broadband**
Heath Mallory, CEO – Wiatel
Al Aymar, CEO - Fibercomm
Vernon Brown, Vice President - SDN Communications
Cullen Robbins, Director Communications - Nebraska Public Service Commission
Pat McElroy, CEO – Northeast Nebraska Telephone Company
- 11:20 p.m. Transportation Resiliency**
Scott Suhr, District Planner – Iowa Department of Transportation
Scott Schram, District Engineer - Iowa Department of Transportation
- 11:45 p.m. Legislator Responses/Comments**
Legislators from Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota will be invited to comment on the information/topics presented and to discuss the upcoming legislative sessions.
- 12:00 p.m. Adjourn**