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**Florida's First-Ever Early Childhood Caucus  
Explores Investments in Young Children**

**TALLAHASSEE** – Representative Ari Porth (D-Coral Springs) will convene the second meeting of the Early Childhood Caucus to continue discussions with Florida lawmakers about investments in young children.

“A strategic focus on early childhood development in Florida makes sense not only from a public policy standpoint but also from fiscal, public safety and economic development perspectives,” said Representative Porth. “Consider, for example, a recent study that revealed a return to society of more than 17 dollars for every dollar invested in early care and education programs, due to a reduction in future crime.”

The bipartisan Early Childhood Caucus will address a range of policy issues, including child health, quality child care, family strengthening, safe communities, screening and interventions for children with special needs, and steps to maximize federal funding for early childhood initiatives and more.

**DATE:** Wednesday, December 9

**TIME:** Noon to 1 p.m.

**LOCATION:** Room 28 House Office Building

*Press interviews available*

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