In recent years, data collected has compounded concerns regarding the child welfare system. The symposium’s purpose is to bring critical players together to review the current state of the child welfare service delivery system, to discuss data limitations and service integration, and to provide recommendations for advancing the system.

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8:10 AM - Opening
David Yepsen, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute
Chancellor Rita Cheng, SIU Carbondale

8:20 AM - Overview and Goals of the Day
Dr. Linda Renee Baker, Paul Simon Public Policy Institute

8:30 AM - Using Data to Understand and Address Child Welfare Trends in Southern Illinois
Dr. Dana Weiner, Chapin Hall, University of Chicago

9:30 AM - Data Limitations about Minority and Underrepresented Populations
Dr. Alan Dettlaff, James Addams College of Social Work, University of Chicago

10:20 AM - Break

10:35 AM - Big Data: Bringing the Pieces Together
Dr. Felicia LeClere, NORC, University of Chicago

11:30 AM - Lunch

12:00 PM - Luncheon Panel: A Conversation about Illinois’ Child Welfare Policies
Moderators: Linda Renee Baker, PhD, Kathy Swafford, M.D.
Panelists:
• Senator Andy Manar
• Senator David Luechtefeld
• Ret. Judge George Timberlake, Redeploy Illinois/Juvenile Justice Initiative
• Bonnie Wheeler, Representative from Voices for Illinois Children

1:00 PM - Break

1:10 PM - Unified Approach to Family Services: Building and Maintaining Interagency Teams
Robert Blackwell, Central Region, Administrator Illinois Action Team

1:45 PM - Conference Wrap-Up

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