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are talking about here had its genesis in an effort that some of us were involved in with the Danforth Foundation. There, Jessie Rasmussen, former senator, now Deputy Director of the Department of Social Services, our Speaker, Senator Withem, and Senator Bohke, and I were all involved in trying to find a way to bring the health and human services together along with education, to help address what we needed to accomplish to serve the families in our state. The point of that effort and the point I think we are trying to make here is despite our best efforts, despite the money we're spending, we're still losing the war more than we should. We are winning some battles. We are saving some families. We are saving some individuals, but, over all, the war is not being won on trying to help our families in need, and we still have too many juveniles that are breaking the law, and we have too many of those with health needs going unmet, we have too many individuals that have poverty and not...unable to overcome that. So, time and again, you can run through the litany of problems in our society, and we are making some progress, but we are still not winning the way the way we should. And part of the problem is we've got to bring the pieces together and have a critical mass focused in on and addressing each family and each individual and trying to turn around their lives and help them reach their destinies. So I am very excited and positive about what we're doing here, and my years of experience tell me that this is a step that's long overdue and I am grateful that there's support for this, and I look forward to further discussion on the matter. I turn the rest of my time over to Senator Klein.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Klein.

SENATOR KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, members of the body. This is going to be focused on outcomes and managed by results instead of putting our resources, that's dollars, people and time, into any activity addressing a need. We will be focusing our resources on these activities that produce the desired results. Results-based accountability can replace or at least diminish the need for a centralized bureaucratic "micromanagement" and rigid rules. Outcome information can assure funders in the public that our investments are producing results. Agreement on desired results can facilitate cross-systems collaboration on behalf of children. Agreement on a common set of goals and outcome measures help promote a communitywide culture of responsibility for children and