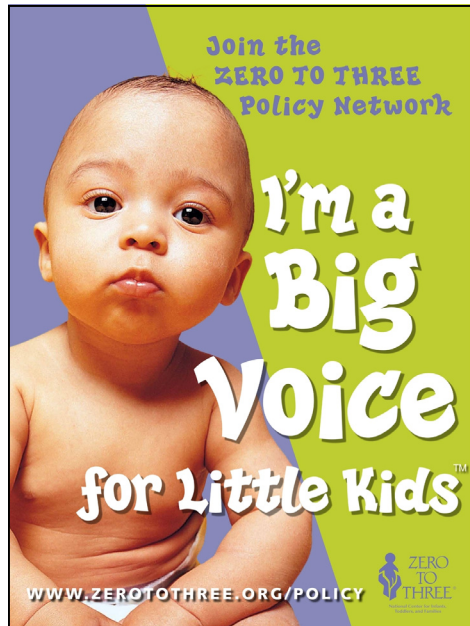


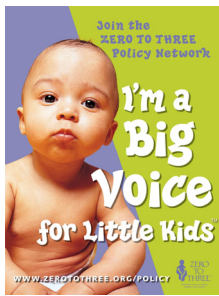
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ZERO TO THREE Policy Network Advocacy Developmental Milestone Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Take Action Now!

In your state and at the federal level, there are new elected officials representing your interests. Now is the time to begin forming relationships with those new policymakers and let them know how infants and toddlers are impacted by public policy decisions. Your challenge this month is introduce yourself to your new state legislators and Members of Congress and encourage them to become **Big Voices for Little Kids**. Now, more than ever, infants and toddler need voices in Congress and your State House fighting on their behalf for policies and funding. Let your Congressional Delegation and state legislators know why support for infants and toddlers is important for our nation and what it means to you.

It's as Easy as 1-2-3

1. Review '[Making the Case for a Comprehensive Infant and Toddler Policy Agenda](#)' and the [ZERO TO THREE Policy Guide](#). Use them to guide your correspondence and conversations.
2. Write a letter or email to your newly elected policymakers. Tell them how they can be a Big Voice for Little Kids and why it is important. Ideas might include:
 - Talk about your work with infants and toddlers and why it is an important issue to you.
 - Include specific policies or programs that they can advocate for (such as the Child Care Development Block Grants, Early Head Start expansion, reauthorizing and fully funding Part C, etc.)
 - If you have a new U.S. Representative, let them know they can join the Congressional Baby Caucus! If they're interested, they should contact Representative Rosa DeLauro (CT) or Representative Denny Rehberg (MT).
 - Attach other policy recommendations from the [Policy Guide](#) that are important and relevant to the work you are doing.
3. After the New Year, follow-up and ask for an in-person meeting. Suggest meeting in person, so you can answer questions or provide more information about very young children in your state.

Resources

- Search online for the names and contact information for your newly elected state and federal policymakers. If you can't find them, try contacting your local League of Women Voters for the information.
- [Policy Results](#) has links to fact sheets and briefs about how Congress can create better results for kids and families through research-informed policy.

Tell Us About It!

We are eager to hear about your experiences advocating for babies and toddlers, so that we can continue to improve the support we give you as an advocate. After you have accomplished your advocacy action, please tell us all about it by [clicking here](#).