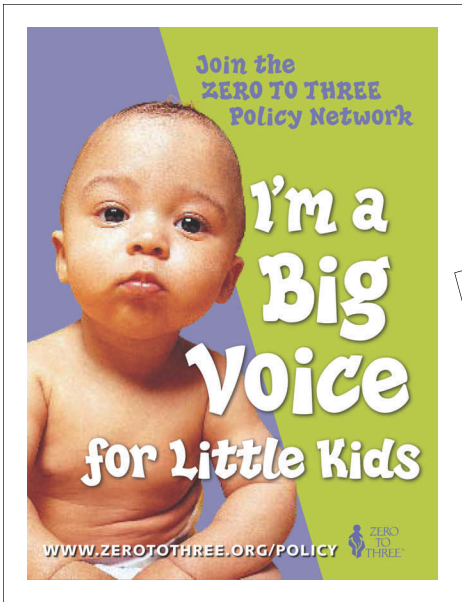


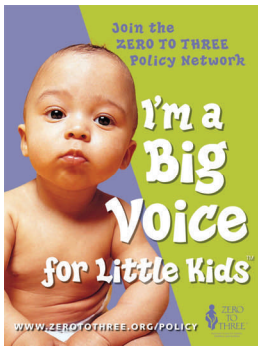
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ZERO TO THREE Policy Network Advocacy Developmental Milestone Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
It's Child Abuse Prevention Month	It's Autism Awareness Month	It's Month of the Military Child	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 Week of the Young Child Begins	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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Take Action Now!

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It's as Easy as 1-2-3

1. Pick one of the awareness-raising activities represented in April and learn more about the resources available to help raise awareness locally about that issue. Many organizations within your state will be participating in activities to draw attention to these issues, and this is a great way for you to get involved and ensure that the very youngest children are included in these efforts! To find out more, go to:
Child Abuse Prevention Month: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>
Week of the Young Child: <http://www.naeyc.org/about/WOYC/>
Month of the Military Child: <http://www.monthofthemilitarychild.com/>
Autism Awareness Month: http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagename=research_awareness
2. Search the [Baby Matters](#) database to learn more about policies and initiatives in your state that may inform your communications.
3. Make your voice heard! You can write a [letter to the editor or an opinion editorial](#) for your local newspaper, compose a newsletter article for your organization's constituency, and/or send an email about the issue(s) to your friends and colleagues. If you are meeting or talking with policymakers, you can draw attention to the issue by letting them know about the activities taking place around the state.

Additional Resources

- [Early Experiences Matter: A Guide to Improved Policies for Infants and Toddlers](#) by the ZERO TO THREE Policy Center
- Information about [young children in military families](#)

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 completed this month's Advocacy Developmental Milestone challenge, please tell us all about it by [clicking here](#).