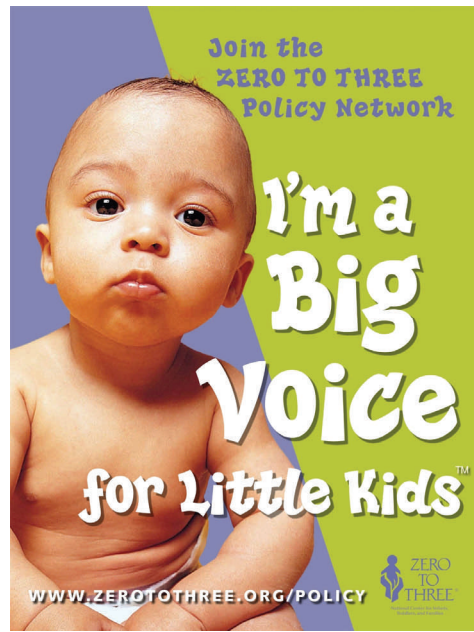


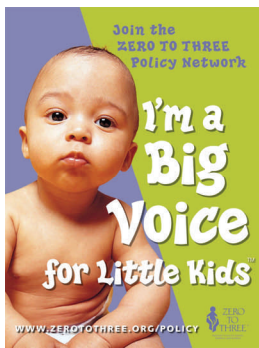
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ZERO TO THREE Policy Network Advocacy Developmental Milestone Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 President's Day	17	18	19	20	21
	President's Day Congressional Recess					
22	23	24	25	26	27	28



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Background

Advocates are increasingly working together to bring the voice of infants, toddlers and their families to public policy. Partnering with advocacy organizations and coalitions in your state can be an effective strategy to further the infant-toddler policy agenda, both by combining resources to lessen the burden on yourself, and also by creating a unified message around an issue.

The organizations or groups advocating on early childhood issues vary state-by-state. They could be children's advocacy organizations, specific early childhood coalitions, or professional associations. Use the suggestions below to find the early childhood advocates in your state.

- ✦ Visit the [Voices for America's children](#) website to find the member advocacy organization in your state.
- ✦ Find your local child care resource & referral agency on the [National Association for Child Care Resource & Referral Agencies](#) website. Local CCR&Rs are often involved in public policy for young children in the state.
- ✦ Contact the state chapter of your professional organization, such as the American Academy of Pediatrics or the National Association for the Education for Young Children.
- ✦ Talk with your colleagues about the groups with which they are involved. Your state may have other groups or coalitions — such as a Children's Advocacy Network or Fight Crime: Invest in Kids — that advocates for young children.

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 contacted advocacy organizations or coalitions in your state, please tell us all about it by [clicking here](#).