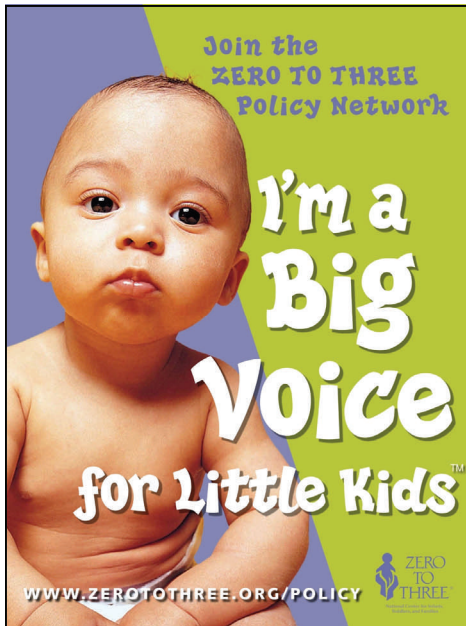


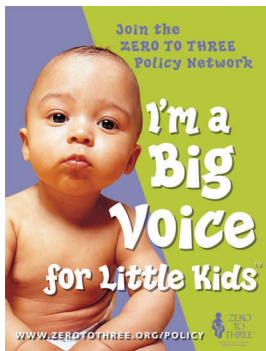
JUNE 2009



ZERO TO THREE Policy Network Advocacy Developmental Milestone Calendar

Summer is here! In the advocacy world, it is a great time to lay the groundwork for the next legislative and fiscal year. Your advocacy challenge in June is to make the most of this “summer break” by (1) meeting with your state legislators while they are in their home district and (2) attending summer hearings and meetings in preparation for the next legislative session. ➡

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
It's Children's Awareness Month	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Take Action Now!

During the month of June, we challenge you to make the most of the summer legislative break by meeting with your state legislators while they are in their home district. This is a great opportunity to talk with your state policymakers about the ways public policy can support the healthy development of infants, toddlers, and their families in their community. Summer is also a time when legislative study and budget planning committees meet to prepare for the next legislative session. You can attend those public meetings and get a sense for what issues are likely to be on the horizon for the coming year.

It's as Easy as 1-2-3

1. Call the district offices of your state representative and your state senator, and ask for a meeting. If you want to make the most of your meeting, you could host it at your program and give them a tour of the services provided in their district.
2. Contact the statewide child advocacy organization in your state (look them up at <http://www.voices.org>) and find out when the state legislative and budget committees working on child and family issues will be meeting during the summer. Invite some of your colleagues to attend with you.
3. Don't forget that state administrators are working on implementation of programs and services all year round. Summer is a good time to build those relationships and offer yourself as a resource on infant-toddler issues.

Additional Resources

- [*How to Plan a Site Visit: Inviting Policymakers to See Your Work With Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families*](#) by ZERO TO THREE
- [*State House Basics: Giving Testimony on Infant-Toddler Issues*](#) by ZERO TO THREE
- [*Understanding Your State's Public Policy Process*](#) by ZERO TO THREE
- [*Building Relationships: Parallels Between Infant-Toddler Development and the Public Policy Process*](#) by ZERO TO THREE

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](#).