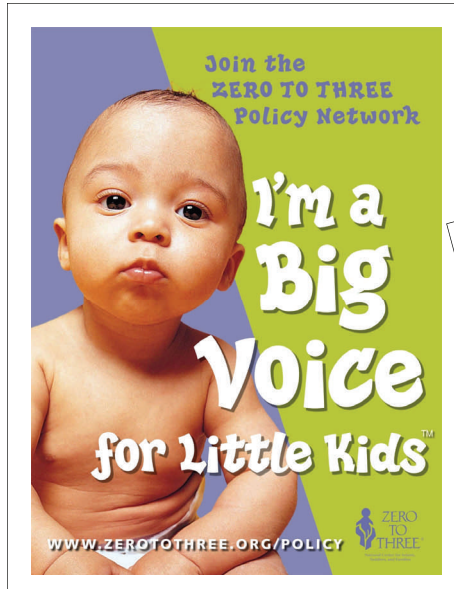


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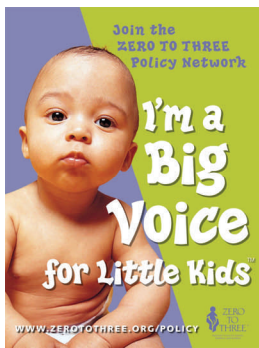


ZERO TO THREE Policy Network Advocacy Developmental Milestone Calendar

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See page 2 for more details. ➡

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Background

As part of the 2007 reauthorization of Head Start, State Advisory Councils on Early Childhood Education and Care must be established to promote cohesive services for children from birth to school entry. Many states have already established a Council or have designated an existing entity to serve as the Council. With the substantial new influx of early childhood funds from the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act](#), states that have not yet formed a Council may do so soon to assist in planning for these new funds.

While there are a number of requirements related to the Councils, each state has the latitude to make decisions about the actual implementation and activities of its Council. We must ensure that issues related to infants and toddlers receive adequate attention. Use the suggestions below to identify and contact the Council in your state and urge them to focus on infants and toddlers!

- ✦ Contact your Head Start State Collaboration Office to find out if your state has established a Council. To the maximum extent possible, the Governor must appoint the Head Start State Collaboration Director to serve on the Council and they will likely be able to tell you if a Council exists in your state. [Click here](#) to find contact information for your State Head Start Collaboration Office.
- ✦ Send your Head Start State Collaboration Director or another contact on the Council a copy of ZERO TO THREE'S new paper, [A Focus on Infants and Toddlers in State Advisory Councils](#), which offers guidance to states as they establish and implement the Councils.
- ✦ When you send the paper, be sure to include a personal note urging the Council to consider the needs of infants and toddlers while making plans and setting priorities. Feel free to use our paper to develop some talking points for your message!

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 the State Advisory Council in your state, please tell us all about it by [clicking here](#).