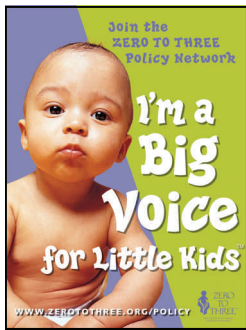


**ZERO TO THREE
Policy Network
Advocacy
Developmental
Milestone Calendar**

JULY 2011

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 July 4th Congressional Recess	5	6	7	8	9
		U.S. Senate Recess				
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It's as Easy as 1-2-3

1. Familiarize yourself with your community's elected officials and staff, and how infants and toddlers in your community are impacted by local government.
2. Is your town or community hosting an Independence Day parade? If so, consider handing out our [Policy Pocket Cards](#) to people in the crowd and the local leaders, policymakers, and “celebrities” in the parade. You can download the [Policy Pocket Card](#) free from our website.
3. You can also contact your Mayor's office directly. Set up a meeting with the Mayor's staff person who works on children's issues and give them the Policy Pocket Card in person, or invite them to visit your program. Use our [How to Host a Site Visit](#) tool to help you in planning and hosting the event.

Resources

- Do you live in a city with a population of 30,000 or more? Check out [The United States Conference of Mayors](#) for information about your mayor and a link to your city's website.
- [The National League of Cities website](#) features information on city-level government, and their [early childhood section](#) contains a variety of updates, tools and resources, and networking opportunities specific to this issue.
- Check out your town or city's website information for local leadership and Independence Day celebrations. Find a directory of local government websites [here](#).

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](#).