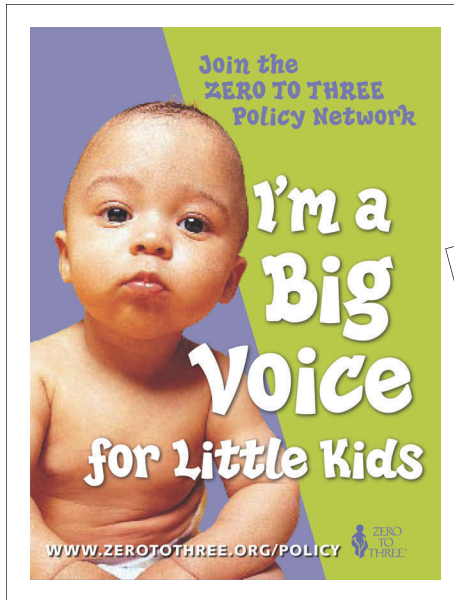


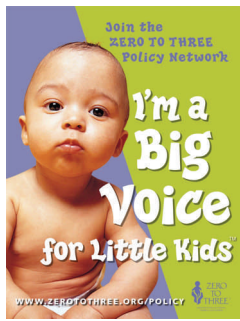
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## ZERO TO THREE Policy Network Advocacy Developmental Milestone Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Child Health Day	4	5	6	7 Senate Recess	8
9	10 Columbus Day Recess	11	12	13	14	15
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	U.S. House of Representatives Recess					
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## **Take Action Now!**

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## **It's as Easy as 1-2-3**

1. Identify a local child advocacy organization or coalition, or locate your State Early Childhood Council.
2. Contact the appropriate program and invite a representative to present on the policy issues affecting infants and toddlers, and their implications for your work. If you work in an academic environment, invite someone to address your students. Or if you're a provider, invite an expert to speak to a group of colleagues and parents.
3. Prepare for the visit by writing an introduction/welcome to your program and spreading the word to students, parents and colleagues.
4. Follow-up! Sign up to receive updates from your local child advocacy organization, or ask the representative how you can best support advocacy efforts on behalf of infants and toddlers in your area and on a statewide scale.

## **Resources**

- For information on state childhood advocacy organizations or coalitions, check out [Voices for America's Children](#), the [KIDS COUNT State Network](#), and First Focus' [list](#) of state advocacy partners.
- Click [here](#) for information about State Early Childhood Advisory Councils and to find the one in your state.
- Feeling inspired? This [article](#) from the ZERO TO THREE Policy Network has great tips on coalition building.

## **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](#).