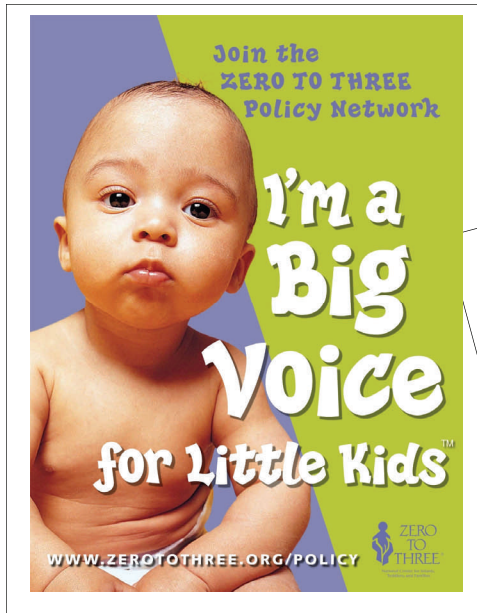


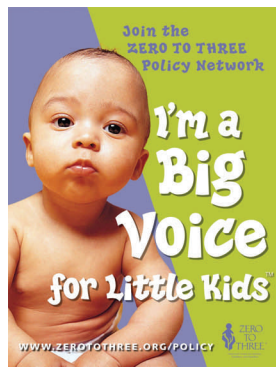
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ZERO TO THREE Policy Network Advocacy Developmental Milestone Calendar

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Take Action Now!

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It's as Easy as 1-2-3

1. Identify 5 colleagues who are interested in infant-toddler advocacy and that you think could benefit from a greater understanding of how government spending works.
2. Forward them a copy of this month's Advocacy Developmental Milestone calendar, referring them to the resources listed below.
3. Encourage your colleagues to take action themselves and forward a copy of this month's calendar to 5 of their colleagues. Continue the email chain!

Resources on Government Budgets and Spending

- [*Babies and the Budget*](#), by ZERO TO THREE, breaks down how the federal budget process works and how you can get involved.
- [*Public Expenditures on Children through 2008*](#), by The Urban Institute and The Brookings Institution, discusses how children fare in the federal budget and how federal and state funding work together to ensure services are provided. The report shows a breakdown on spending by age.
- [*Federal Expenditures on Infants and Toddlers in 2007*](#), also from The Urban Institute and The Brookings Institution, helps advocates assess whether current investments match our knowledge about development in the early years, and helps guide our thinking about reinvestment.
- [*State Budget Cuts: America's Kids Pay the Price*](#), by the National Association of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies, shows the impact of recent state budget cuts on children's programs and outlines particular cuts to children's programs for each state and the District of Columbia.

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 sent the paper to your policymakers, please tell us all about it by [clicking here](#).