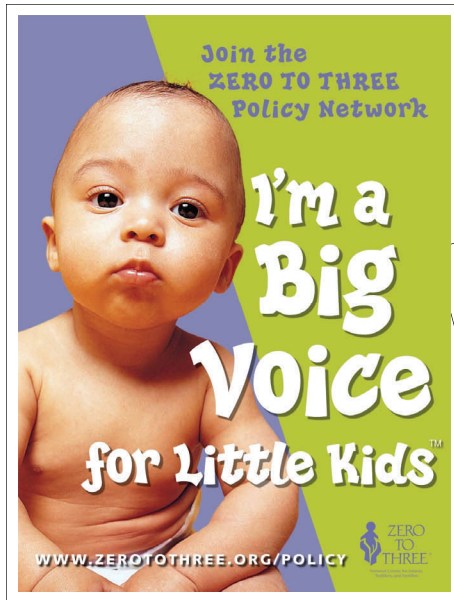


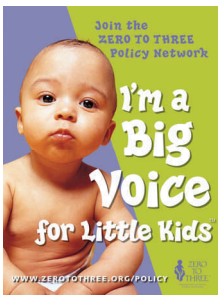
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ZERO TO THREE Policy Network Advocacy Developmental Milestone Calendar

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
It's Foster Care Month	It's Better Hearing & Speech Month					1
2	3	4	5	6 Children's Mental Health Awareness Day	7	8
9 Mother's Day	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					



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It's as Easy as 1-2-3

1. Check out the [state legislative calendar](#) on the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL) web site to find out when Sine Die is in your state.
2. Contact your [state child advocacy organization](#) or early childhood coalition and ask them for a status summary of the early childhood legislation that was introduced this year in the legislature.
3. Some states have special legislative sessions to continue work on the state budget or other important matters. If your state is going to have a special session, sign up to receive legislative updates from the state child advocacy organization or early childhood coalition.

Resources for Tracking Legislation

- The NCSL web site includes a [searchable database](#) that tracks early care and education legislation in states across the country. The database allows you to look for child care and child care financing, early childhood services, prekindergarten, professional development, home visiting, infants and toddlers, and financing early education.
- NCSL also has a database of [every state legislature's web site](#), which allows you to track any upcoming hearings, sessions of the full legislature (often called the general assembly), and bill status.

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](#).