



Infants and Toddlers in the Economic Stimulus: Planning Tools for States

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This ZERO TO THREE Policy Center audio conference call will focus on planning tools for states in using the economic stimulus funds to benefit infants, toddlers, and their families. The conference call will provide an overview of the possible uses of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for young children and will feature resources from ZERO TO THREE, the National Center for Children in Poverty, and EducationCounsel. This call is made possible through the generous support of the Birth to Five Policy Alliance.

Policymakers and advocates at the state level closely watched the debate about the economic stimulus package, which offers funds to states in a number of areas related to early childhood, including Head Start/Early Head Start, child care, and early intervention. But now that the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act has become law, a number of questions and challenges have emerged. States need ready access to resources that can aid them in their efforts to quickly but wisely address the challenges faced with accepting and administering these new funds.

To participate, dial toll-free **1-866-682-6100**. Please plan to join at least 10 minutes before the call to ensure that a line is available. The conference call will last approximately 75 minutes.

Participants' phone lines will be muted during the conference call. However, we encourage you to submit questions or challenges your state is facing in planning for use of the stimulus funds. **Please e-mail your questions/challenges** to klagomarsino@zerotothree.org. Questions may be submitted in advance or during the call.

Agenda

- Overview of Possible Uses of Funds in the ARRA for Infants, Toddlers, and their Families:
Matthew Melmed
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- Presentations on Planning Tools by:
Barbara Gebhard
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- Question and Answer Session