

Building Strong Systems of Support for Young Children's Mental Health

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This webinar, co-sponsored by the ZERO TO THREE Policy Center, the National Center for Children in Poverty, and the Build Initiative, will describe key strategies that should be part of a comprehensive state system of supports for young children's mental health. The webinar will highlight a recent National Center for Children in Poverty publication, *Building Strong Systems of Support for Young Children's Mental Health*.

Representatives from New York and Colorado will share examples of how they have used a planning tool to assess their states' early childhood mental health supports and prioritize enhancements. Work by ZERO TO THREE on financing of infant-toddler mental health services will also be described.

Young children's mental health provides an essential foundation for early learning and development. In recent years, states have begun to develop new policies and programs that help establish supports for social-emotional development across a wide range of settings serving our youngest children. These efforts focus on promoting positive mental health, preventing potential mental health problems, and treating identified delays or difficulties in social-emotional development. Many states' initiatives include the use of evidence-based models and training experiences for service providers to increase their knowledge and skills.

Agenda

- Facilitation by:
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- Question and answer session