

State Child Welfare Policies and Practices That Support Infants and Toddlers

Monday, November 18, 2013 at 2:00 pm eastern (1:00 pm central, 12:00 pm mountain, and 11:00 am pacific)

This webinar, hosted by the ZERO TO THREE Policy Center and Child Trends, will feature findings from our recently released joint report, <u>Changing the Course for Infants</u> <u>and Toddlers: A Survey of State Child Welfare Policies and Initiatives</u>. Representatives from Colorado, Hawaii, and Washington State will describe how their policies and practices reflect a developmental approach to child welfare services for young children.

Infants and toddlers are the age group most vulnerable to maltreatment and its aftermath. Although this time of life is one of great vulnerability, it is a time of great potential for interventions to prevent or minimize negative effects that are much more difficult to alter later in life. It is crucial that child welfare systems infuse guiding principles for infant and toddler development into practices and policies.

<u>Agenda</u>

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• Question and answer session