



**Providing babies, toddlers, and their parents or caregivers the safe connections and supports needed to remain safe, stable, and healthy**

Safe Babies, a program of ZERO TO THREE™, works to keep families together by preventing the need for babies and toddlers to enter out-of-home care, or for further involvement in the child welfare system.

## EVERY BABY HAS UNLIMITED POTENTIAL

Positive experiences and emotionally nourishing relationships are critical to the healthy development and lifelong well-being of babies and toddlers. Yet, due to adverse childhood experiences and the challenges parents face, children under the age of 3 enter the child welfare system at a higher rate than any other age group.



## WHAT WE DO

**Build coordinated and aligned early childhood systems to support a SAFER path for families to flourish and thrive**

## OUR FOCUS AREAS



### SERVE

as an entry point for a continuum of timely and responsive services for all families, regardless of their circumstances



### ADVANCE

child and family well-being by providing the resources and supports that babies and toddlers need for a strong start in life



### FOCUS

on the babies' developmental need for safe, stable, and nurturing early relationships during all decision-making



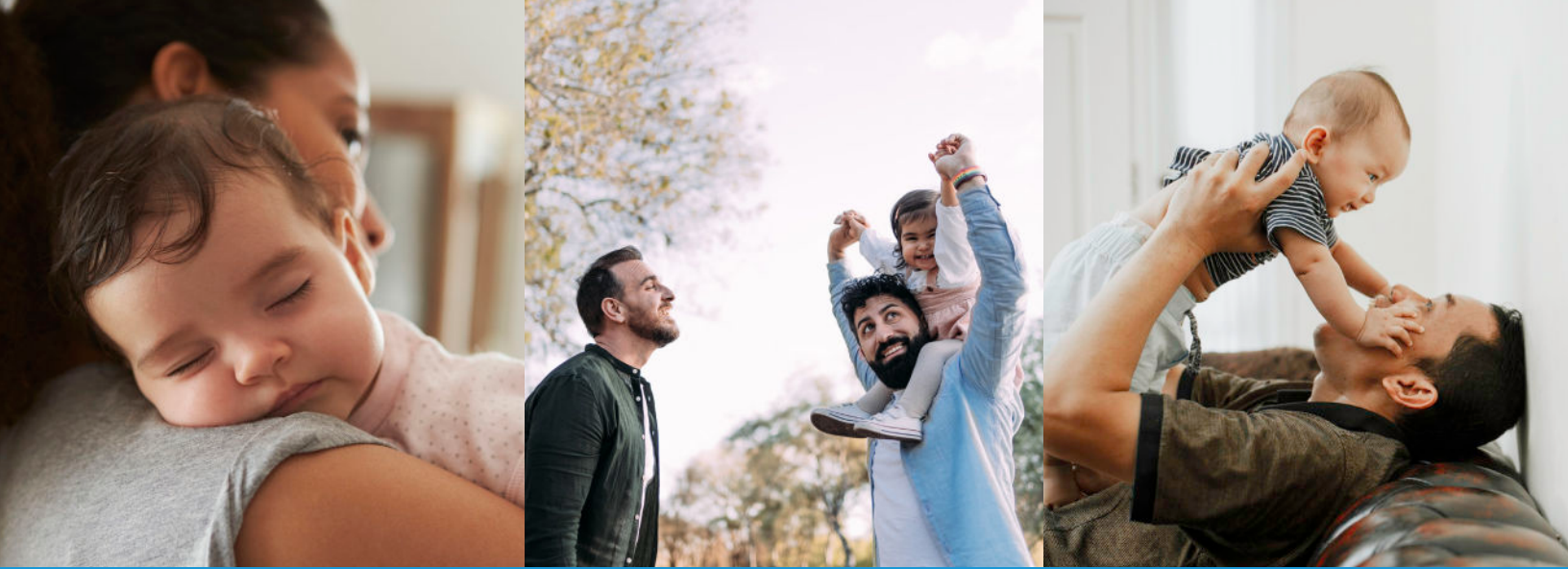
### ENGAGE

parents to lead with their voices and experiences to transform child welfare practice and advocate for fellow parents across the country



### REDESIGN




policies and practices to ensure all families have the support and opportunities they need to thrive



## IMPACT

Meeting the immediate needs of babies and toddlers through an innovative, team-based approach that strengthens early relationships with parents and caregivers, ensuring healthy development and well-being





### FAMILIES REMAIN TOGETHER

-  Keeping babies and toddlers with their families whenever possible
-  Connecting children and their families with timely services and supports
-  Strengthening families to reduce the likelihood of repeated maltreatment or involvement with Child Protective Services

### EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT STAYS ON TRACK

-  Promoting timely screening and assessment for developmental needs and services
-  Increasing medical home access for preventative pediatric care
-  Prioritizing family time when children are placed out of home

### PARTNERS HAVE A SPACE TO CONVENE

-  Collaborating on a shared mission and vision, with children and families at the center
-  Prioritizing parents' voice and leadership within the team
-  Developing strategies using a continuous quality improvement lens
-  Strengthening communities by building supports and services for families