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Governors Response Team (GRT)
GRT in Action: Early Childhood Education

States with Early Childhood Education:
- AK
- MA
- CT
- RI
- DE
- AK
- MT
- CO
- IL
- KY
- VA
- NC
- LA
Expert Roundtable
Integrating and Advancing State
Prenatal to Age Three Policies

Date:
June 4th - 5th, 2018

Hosted By:
Center on the Developing Child
HARVARD UNIVERSITY
Prenatal to Age Three Expert Roundtable States

- WA
- KS
- IL
- NC
- AL
- NJ
- RI
INTEGRATING AND ADVANCING STATE PRENATAL TO AGE 3 POLICIES: Report of an Expert Roundtable Conversation

JUNE 2018

Prenatal to Three Policy Components

• Ensure that Children and Families are at the Center
• Integrate Health, Early Learning and Child Welfare Systems
A Vision for an Integrated PN3 Policy Agenda

- Prevention
- Integration
- Differentiation
- Sustainability
- Innovation
Policy Levers to Consider

• **Governors’ Levers**
  - Staff Appointments
  - Power of Convenings
  - Bully Pulpit

• **Health Policies**
  - Health and Mental Health Services for Pregnant Women and New Parents
  - Nutrition Programs (SNAP, WIC)
  - CHIP, EPSDT, TANF
  - Medicaid Expansion

• **Early Learning Policies**
  - CCDBG Quality Set-Aside for Infants and Toddlers
  - Part C of IDEA
  - Early Head Start Expansion
  - Birth to Five Preschool Development Grants

• **Human Services Policies**
  - MIECHV - Home Visiting
  - Paid Family Leave
Save the Date
NGA Education Division's
Prenatal to Age Three Learning Lab
January 7th-9th, 2019
Hotel Monteleone
New Orleans, LA 70130
For more information, email msorge@nga.org
Note: Additional opportunities for learning such as podcasts, conference calls, and webinars will occur throughout the year.
Think Babies™ Campaign Overview

Barbara Gebhard, ZERO TO THREE
ZERO TO THREE created the *Think Babies™* campaign to bring nationwide attention to what babies and families need to thrive.
Established *Think Babies* campaigns in 6 states in 2018

- **Colorado**
- **Georgia**
- **New Jersey**
- **North Carolina**
- **Rhode Island**
- **Washington**
Think Babies™ State Partnerships: Policy Solutions

- Affordable, quality child care for infants and toddlers
- Paid family leave
- Infant and early childhood mental health
- Voluntary, evidence-based home visiting
- Healthy nutrition and obesity prevention
- Child and family screenings
Building Awareness and Will: Strolling Thunder

Expanded to 8 Strolling Thunder events in 2018

- Washington, DC
- Los Angeles, CA
- Providence, RI
- Seattle, WA
- Denver, CO
- Atlanta, GA
- Raleigh, NC
- Trenton, NJ
What’s Next

Fall 2018:
- Preparation for 2019 state legislative sessions and 116th Congress
- Education of policymakers post-election

January 2019-ongoing:
- State partner campaign execution on Think Babies policy priorities
- Coordinated digital advocacy push targeted at new Congress

February 2019:
- Release of ZERO TO THREE’s national and state infant-toddler fact sheets
- Think Babies Policy Forum

April 30, 2019:
- National Strolling Thunder

Building momentum towards the campaign’s policy priorities for infants and toddlers

www.thinkbabies.org
Think Babies™ was developed to make the potential of every baby a national priority. Funding partners for Think Babies™ include the Perigee Fund and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, which supports the public education aspects of Think Babies™

Learn more at https://www.thinkbabies.org
It’s Time for Governors to Think Babies™

• Why babies?
• The role of governors
• The first 100 days
• Policy improvements for infants, toddlers, and their families
Assessing Needs and Setting Infant-Toddler Priorities

- Infants and Toddlers in the Policy Picture: A Self-Assessment Toolkit for States
- A Place to Get Started: Innovation in State Infant and Toddler Policies
- Advancing State Policies for Infants and Toddlers: Lessons Learned from Three States
Building Strong Foundations

- Policy Framework for Infants, Toddlers, and Families
- From the Ground Up: Establishing Strong Core Policies for Infants, Toddlers, and Families
- 13 Core Policies for Advancing Infant-Toddler Wellbeing
- Racial Inequity in Policies that Impact Infants, Toddlers, and Families (forthcoming)
- State and Federal Policy Opportunities to Improve the Lives of Infants and Toddlers and their Families (forthcoming)
- Innovation in Cross-System Collaboration to Better Support Babies (forthcoming)
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