



Infant and Toddler Symposium

The Curtis Hotel

1405 Curtis Street, Denver, CO 80202

May 22-24, 2017

Agenda

Meeting Objectives:

- Gain a deeper understanding of infant and toddler issues, brain science and child development research and the implications for state policy.
- Build expertise on funding and legislative strategies and innovations that promote effective programs and improve outcomes for children and families.
- Provide a forum for NCSL and researchers to receive legislative input about policymakers' perspective on infant and toddler issues and what legislators need to craft effective policy solutions.

Monday, May 22 · Marco Polo Patio · 3rd Floor

6 – 8 p.m.

Reception

Introduction: Rochelle Finzel, NCSL, Denver

Tuesday, May 23 · Duck Duck Goose / Red Rover Room · 3rd Floor

8 – 8:30 a.m.

Breakfast

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Brain Science: Building a Foundation for Achievement

More than 1 million new neural connections are formed every second in the first few years of a child's life. This interactive session from the Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences explores the latest research on brain development and how early everyday experiences support children's learning in all domains.

Introduction: Julie Poppe, NCSL, Denver

Speaker: Sarah Lytle, Institute for Learning & Brain Sciences, University of Washington

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Think Babies

This session will translate the science heard in the previous session into policy considerations for state lawmakers. Good health, strong families, and positive early learning experiences contribute to healthy brain development. How are babies and toddlers faring in our country and what are the realities facing parents today? Hear from a national organization focused on birth-to-three policies about efforts to promote enriching early experiences for the nation's

	<p>youngest and supporting parents to provide a strong foundation for development from the start.</p> <p>Introduction: Julie Poppe, NCSL, Denver Speaker: Matthew Melmed, ZERO TO THREE, D.C.</p>
10:30 – 10:45 a.m.	Break
10:45 – 11:45 a.m.	<p>Child and Parent Well-being Those who've experienced high levels of trauma or adverse early childhood experiences are at triple the risk for poor social and health outcomes. Research shows that parents who have experienced toxic stress as a child can exhibit reduced ability to parent. Hear a doctor's perspective on promoting child and parent well-being.</p> <p>Moderator: Lisa Waugh, NCSL, Denver Speaker: R.J. Gillespie, M.D., Children's Clinic Portland</p>
11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.	Lunch
1 – 2 p.m.	<p>Return on Investment in the Early Years Recent research shows that high-quality birth-to-five programs for at-risk children can deliver a 13 percent per year return on investment. Hear about the cost-benefit analysis with emphasis on health, early learning outcomes, family support and the importance of high-quality within these programs.</p> <p>Moderator: Rochelle Finzel, NCSL, Denver Speaker: Jorge Garcia, University of Chicago</p>
2 – 3 p.m.	<p>Quality Early Learning Experiences for Infants and Toddlers Infants and toddlers are more likely to be cared for in home-based child care environments. Learn what the research shows about supporting family child care providers to promote high-quality settings. Hear about Alabama's experience of promoting quality family child care through Early Head Start and child care partnerships.</p> <p>Moderator: Rachel Schumacher, J.B. and M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation, Illinois Speakers: Juliet Bromer, Herr Research Center for Children and Social Policy, Erikson Institute, Illinois Jeanetta Green, Alabama Department of Human Resources</p>
3 – 3:15 p.m.	Break
3:15 – 4:45 p.m.	<p>Not Wasting Brain Building Moments: Financing and State Strategies to Consider This session will highlight state policy approaches and strategies to finance a birth-to-three system, including public-private partnerships, tax credits and blended funding. Learn more about the cost of quality and how that factors into financing mechanisms.</p> <p>Moderator: Julie Poppe, NCSL, Denver</p>

	Speakers: Barbara Gebhard, ZERO TO THREE, D.C. Jeanna Capito, BUILD Initiative, Illinois
4:45 – 5:15 p.m.	Wrap Up
	Dinner on Your Own in Denver
Wednesday, May 24 · Duck Duck Goose / Red Rover Room · 3rd Floor	
8 – 8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30 a.m.	<p>Colorado’s Experience: Infant and Toddler Quality and Availability Grant Program</p> <p>Colorado’s HB 13-1291 established a grant program for infant and toddler quality and availability. Hear about state implementation and from a local early childhood council that is focused on boosting access to quality care, improving provider professional development and increasing family engagement.</p> <p>Moderator: Julie Poppe, NCSL, Denver Speakers: Stacey Kennedy, Colorado Office of Early Childhood Bev Thurber, Early Childhood Council of Larimer County, Colorado Lisa Sadar, Early Childhood Council of Larimer County, Colorado</p>
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.	<p>Networking Time and Information Roundtable</p> <p>This is your time to share and learn from your peers and ask questions of experts in the room. NCSL also wants to hear from you about what would help most in advancing birth to three policies in your state.</p>
10:30 – 11:45 a.m.	<p>Home Visiting: An Inside Look</p> <p>Home visiting is a voluntary, evidence-based prevention strategy to support at-risk pregnant mothers and new parents. Hear about efforts in Colorado to promote infant and child health, healthy child development, and school readiness through home visiting. You’ll learn what quality home visiting looks like through first-hand experiences.</p> <p>Moderator: Alison May, NCSL, Denver Speakers: Michelle Neal, Invest in Kids, Colorado Jennifer Scholl, Nurse-Family Partnership, Colorado</p>
11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Wrap-Up and Next Steps

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