

High-Quality and Affordable Child Care Resource List



ZERO TO THREE Resources

[*Child Care Assistance: A Critical Support for Infants, Toddlers, and Families*](#), ZERO TO THREE and CLASP, October 2017 – This paper is part of a series describing 13 policies core to advancing infant-toddler wellbeing in four essential areas: high quality early care and education opportunities; strong parents; economically stable families; and healthy bodies, healthy minds and healthy parents. It discusses the importance of affordable, high-quality child care to children’s development and family economic security.

[*Child Care Advocacy Toolkit*](#), ZERO TO THREE – This advocacy toolkit includes resources that you can use to support state campaigns, including: a fact sheet on infant-toddler child care, talking points, graphics, as well as a sample op-ed.

[*Supporting Babies through QRIS*](#), ZERO TO THREE – This series of tools helps state leaders to consider how to develop or revise QRIS standards and supports to better support quality improvement for infant-toddler child care programs. This includes: a self-assessment on current systems, recommended infant-toddler child care quality standards, and a national scan of existing systems.

[*How to Build a Strong Infant-Toddler Workforce*](#), ZERO TO THREE, February 2012 – This policy brief discusses the need to build a strong infant-toddler workforce in child care and other settings, and provides a list of key policy recommendations.

[*Preventing Expulsion from Preschool and Child Care*](#), ZERO TO THREE – This series of resources, including videos from ZERO TO THREE events, describes strategies to address implicit bias and to prevent expulsion from preschool and child care.

[*Staffed Family Child Care Networks: A Strategy to Enhance Quality Care for Infants and Toddlers*](#), ZERO TO THREE, February 2012 – This paper defines staffed Family Child Care (FCC) networks and examines how they are uniquely positioned to improve the quality of care that infants and toddlers receive in FCC settings.

[*National Infant-Toddler Child Care Initiative*](#), ZERO TO THREE – This project of the federal Child Care Bureau, housed at ZERO TO THREE, was designed to support Child Care Development Fund administrators in their efforts to effect systems-wide improvements in infant and toddler child care. Archived resources on a range of child care policy topics are available online.

[*State Initiative articles discussing child care*](#) – ZERO TO THREE’s State Initiatives is a collection of articles highlighting innovative actions states have taken to improve wellbeing for infants and toddlers.

Additional Resources

[*Infant-Toddler Resource Guide*](#), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Child Care – This Resource Guide offers a host of materials to support the development and implementation of policies and practices for high-quality care for infants and toddlers for a variety of policy and practitioner audiences.

[*State Child Care Fact Sheets*](#), Child Care Aware of America, 2017 – These state facts sheets include state data that illustrates the supply of and potential demand for child care, as well as the average cost of care.

[*Child Care Works*](#), Child Care Aware of America – This campaign website includes child care advocacy resources for parents and child care providers.

[*National Women’s Law Center’s website*](#) – NWLC’s [*Child Care Now*](#) national campaign provides advocacy tools and a child care policy agenda, with a focus on federal policy and funding. The NWLC [*website*](#) also includes fact sheets and resources on child care assistance policy, child care tax strategies, and the child care workforce.

[*Implementing the Child Care and Development Block Grant Reauthorization: A Guide for States*](#), CLASP and National Women’s Law Center, updated June 2017 – This guide helps state policymakers consider how to meet the requirements of reauthorization and implement best practice policies for children’s development.

[*Strengthening State and Territory Infant-Toddler Child Care Policies and Practices: A Tool for Advancing Infant-Toddler Child Care Quality*](#), Child Care State Capacity Building Center, April 2017 – This tool is designed to support state child care leaders and infant/toddler stakeholders as they assess, prioritize, plan, implement, and evaluate state policies in order to strengthen the quality of child care services infants, toddlers, and their families receive.

[*State and Territory Approaches to Improving the Supply and Quality of Child Care Programs and Services for Infants and Toddlers*](#), Child Care State Capacity Building Center, February 2017 – This resource provides a synopsis of state plans to improve the supply and quality of child care programs and services for infants and toddlers to meet CCDF set-aside requirements.

[*Better for Babies: A Study of State Infant and Toddler Child Care Policies*](#), CLASP, August 2013 – This report presents data from a state survey on child care subsidy, licensing, and quality enhancement policies for infant-toddler care.

[*Resources about Supports and Systems for Improving the Quality of Family Child Care*](#), National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance, 2017 – These resources are designed to help states to improve access to high-quality family child care. This includes: a policy assessment tool, a resource on engaging family child care providers, and several resources focused on implementing staffed family child care networks.

[*Developing a Statewide Network of Infant-Toddler Specialists: Technical Assistance Guide for States and Territories*](#), Child Care State Capacity Building Center, updated 2017 – This policy brief provides guidance to states on how to develop a statewide network of infant-toddler specialists focused on quality improvement in child care.