

Overview of Talking Points:

Slide #1: Welcome and Introductions

Slide #2: ZERO TO THREE – brief overview

Slide #3: Begin at the Beginning: I have been asked today to talk about the importance of and opportunities for expanding early learning. To do this I'll begin at the beginning.

- Share ZERO TO THREE's policy framework
- Set state policy context: overview of the proposed 2015 Budget for early learning
- Policy Recommendations
- Budget Wins – Early Learning
- Identifying the opportunities

Slide #4: ZERO TO THREE Policy Framework: The ZERO TO THREE Policy Center's work is informed by the science of early childhood development and guided by our infant and toddler policy agenda—*good health, strong families, and positive early learning experiences*. With the needs of the whole child in mind, we are working to build comprehensive services that allow families with infants and toddlers to thrive.

Slide #5: CA Babies and the Budget: provide an overview of our analysis of the Governor's proposed budget focusing on Positive Early Learning Experiences.

Slide #6: Recommendations: using our ZERO TO THREE, Western Office policy agenda share recommendations for expanding early learning opportunities. Leveraging state and local policy opportunities to support early childhood and the importance of ensuring all children enter school ready to learn.

Slide #7: Wins: provide a summary of the budget "wins" related to expanding early learning opportunities

Slide #8: What are the opportunities: identify some opportunities for moving forward and leveraging the budget wins. How is CA implementing these strategies?