



Supporting Families Online Digest

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Family Policy & Advocacy

Developing and Moving an Infant–Toddler Policy Agenda

ZERO TO THREE Policy Center hosted [recent state policy action team meetings](#), including experts from Wisconsin in the discussion, on implementing an infant-toddler policy agenda. Sessions focused on creating an agenda, engaging and supporting families, leveraging funding sources, improving the quality of infant–toddler services, and more.

Steadying the Foundation: Maternal Job Stability, Safety Net Programs, & Young Children’s Health

This [policy action brief](#) from Children’s HealthWatch analyzes data that shows how mothers and children experiencing job instability were significantly more likely to experience health issues, child developmental delays, and maternal depressive symptoms.

Resources for Practice

NEW: Wisconsin Home Visiting Directory

Find the current [WI Home Visiting Program Directory](#) from the Quick Link to the right on the SFTA website.

Spotlight on Tribal Child Welfare

This [collection of tools and resources](#) from Children’s Bureau Express (CBX) focuses on cultural adaptations of trauma treatments that can be put into practice, research on the use of social services by urban American Indian families, and how to advocate for Native children.

Circles of Caring (Video)

Strengthening Families West Virginia recently released this [video](#) that provides an overview of each of the protective factors and how people, organizations and communities can help families build them.

Facing the Screen Dilemma: Young Children, Technology and Early Education

The overarching question this [guide](#) addresses is, “How do we best support children’s growth, development, and learning in a world radically changed by technology?”

Guidelines for Managing Information Related to the Sexual Orientation & Gender Identity and Expression of Children in Child Welfare Systems

These [guidelines](#) offer standards for gathering and managing data to better develop interventions that increase positive outcomes for children of all sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions.

Giving Thanks: A Native American Good Morning Message

This book, by [Chief Jake Swamp](#), is a great way to talk with children about giving thanks, whether they celebrate the official holiday of Thanksgiving or not. This book is based on the Thanksgiving Address, a message of thanks that originated with the Native people of upstate New York and Canada. It is still spoken at ceremonial gatherings today, and is a wonderful way for children to notice and appreciate the everyday things in nature and in life that they have to be thankful for. Read the book and then have children draw a picture or share what they are most thankful for and why. Talk about ways we can express our gratitude every day. [Get the book.](#)



Resources for Practice

Where Do Biases Start? A Challenge to Educators

This [piece](#) examines how educators and others working with children of all ages can better educate themselves to not allow “race, representation, and masculinity in media...affect how we treat others, such as black males in urban education,” so that all children can be supported to achieve successful outcomes.

Enhancing and Practicing Executive Function Skills with Children from Infancy to Adolescence

[This guide](#) offers activities and games that provide age-appropriate ways for adults to support and strengthen executive functioning and self-regulation in children. These skills are critical to learning and development and must be honed through interactions and practice.

Trauma Informed Care: Perspectives and Resources

This [compilation of online resources](#), information, and videos looks at how to practice trauma-informed care with youth of various ages across any system or environment. If you are looking for trauma-informed resources that are more directed towards parents and caregivers rather than early childhood professionals check out the Sesame Street [Little Children, Big Challenges](#) series.

November Pic Pick



Check out our latest *What Works in Family Support* blog post for stories and successes from Wisconsin CCR&Rs.

Send us your fun, cute, or memorable photos from your work with young children and their families!

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Professional Development Events

Street Drugs of Abuse for Home Visitors

What: In this [training](#) participants will increase and expand their knowledge in working with clients using street drugs and will learn practical treatment options. Cost is \$40. [Register through PDS](#) with #3678.

When: December 9th, 2014, 9 AM-4 PM

Where: Milwaukee Child Welfare Partnership, 4425 N. Port Washington Rd. Suite 400, Glendale, WI 53212

Children and Nature Network 2015 Conference

What: Hear what others around the world are doing to create nature-rich communities for the health and wellbeing of children and families. Hear the latest research and policies, experts in the field, and how to bring new audiences to nature. [Register here.](#)

When: April 7-9, 2015

Where: Hyatt Lost Pines, Austin, Texas

Anchor Institution Task Force (AITF) Annual Conference

What: AITF is a collaborative dedicated to helping communities and anchor institutions - such as universities and hospitals - advance partnerships that can spark and sustain economic and community development efforts. [Register here.](#)

When: November 17-18, 2014

Where: The Chicago Cultural Center, 78 East Washington Street, Chicago, IL

Have a professional development event you would like added to next month's Online Digest?

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Early Childhood In the News

[Make a Difference in the life of a child](#)

[Magical Gardens for the Blind, Deaf, and Disabled](#)

[Early Childhood Education Boosts Lifetime Achievement, Paper Finds](#)

[More Active Play Equals Better Thinking Skills For Kids](#)

[Outsourced Parenting: How Modern Parents Manage the Pressure to be Perfect](#)

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