

# Supporting Early Connections

## Key Resources for Infant & Toddler Focused Court-Community Collaborations

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Supporting Early Connections [www.ccyj.org/initiatives/supporting-early-connections/](http://www.ccyj.org/initiatives/supporting-early-connections/)

- [Evaluation Executive Summary](#)
- [Evaluation Full Report](#)
- Newsletters/Resources and Example Forms
  - Each newsletter highlights both local and national resources, plus provides a viewpoint from a project team member.
  - [Winter 2009](#) contains tips for transition.
- King County Court Supporting Early Connections Website (for up to date forms)
  - [www.kingcounty.gov/courts/JuvenileCourt/dependency/SEC.aspx](http://www.kingcounty.gov/courts/JuvenileCourt/dependency/SEC.aspx)

Sheri L. Hill, PHD, LLC [www.earlychildhoodpolicy.com](http://www.earlychildhoodpolicy.com)

- [Court and Child Welfare Training Materials](#)

"A Call to Action on Behalf of Maltreated Infants and Toddlers"

[www.zerotothree.org/public-policy/federal-policy/childwelfareweb.pdf](http://www.zerotothree.org/public-policy/federal-policy/childwelfareweb.pdf)

- American Humane Association, Center for the Study of Social Policy, Child Welfare League of America, Children's Defense Fund, and ZERO TO THREE.
- SEC's provision of Child Parent Psychotherapy is highlighted on page 19.

American Bar Association & ZERO TO THREE – Early Childhood Practice and Policy Briefs

[www.americanbar.org/groups/child\\_law/what\\_we\\_do/projects/child\\_and\\_adolescent\\_health/child\\_health.html](http://www.americanbar.org/groups/child_law/what_we_do/projects/child_and_adolescent_health/child_health.html)

- [Healthy Beginnings, Healthy Futures: A Judge's Guide](#)
- [Psychotropic Medication and Children in Foster Care: Tips for Advocates and Judges](#)
- [Advocating for Very Young Children in Dependency Proceedings: The Hallmarks of Effective, Ethical Representation](#)
- [Visitation with Infants and Toddlers in Foster Care: What Judges and Attorneys Need to Know](#)
- [Healing the Youngest Children: Model Court-Community Partnerships](#)

ZERO TO THREE, Safe Babies Court Team Project

[www.zerotothree.org/maltreatment/safe-babies-court-team/](http://www.zerotothree.org/maltreatment/safe-babies-court-team/)

Nebraska Supreme Court's Through the Eyes of the Child Initiative

[www.throughtheeyes.org](http://www.throughtheeyes.org)

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## **Serving Babies and Toddlers in Child Welfare Questions For Building A Court-Community Collaboration**

1. How many infants (0-12 months) and toddlers (1-3 years) encounter dependency court or Child Welfare in your region?
  
2. Who could be your community partners?
  - Early childhood mental health providers/Regional Support Network
  - Early Intervention/Part C/Services for infants and toddlers with delays or disabilities
  - Early Head Start
  - Child care providers
  - Children's hospitals
  - United Way or early childhood community funder
  - Public health nurses (WIC)
  - Home visiting services for families
  - Tribes
  
3. Who are your Court and Child Welfare system partners?
  - Judicial officer and court staff
  - Attorneys representing parents and/or children
  - Child welfare social workers, supervisors and administrators (local and regional)
  - Child welfare agency attorneys and their supervisor
  - Court Appointed Special Advocate/Guardian Ad Litem supervisors and volunteers
  - Caregivers (biological parents, kinship caregivers and foster parents)
  
4. What training have you already had as a community? What training has the court had?
  - Training on early childhood services and programs such as those noted above
  - Early childhood brain development
  - ACES – Adverse Childhood Experiences
  - Trauma training
  
5. Who can take a leadership role and convene your first workgroup?