Great Resources for Serving Babies & Toddlers

For both veteran youth programmers and those new to creating services for babies and toddlers, it can be useful to have a go-to list of resources for practical ideas, developmental research, and professional development.

Policy & Research Groups:

- **Zero to Three** ([https://www.zerotothree.org](https://www.zerotothree.org)) - Zero to Three works to ensure babies and toddlers benefit from early connections critical to their well-being by sharing information on early development, early learning, and parenting and by advancing policy.
- **Erikson Institute** ([http://www.erikson.edu](http://www.erikson.edu)) - Organization focused exclusively on early childhood, with educational and support resources available.
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Infants & Toddlers** ([https://www.cdc.gov/parents/infants/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/parents/infants/index.html)) - A government resource including basic information on young children as well as recommendations for healthy and developmentally appropriate practice.

Professional Resources:

- **Association for Library Service to Children** ([http://www.ala.org/alsc/](http://www.ala.org/alsc/)) - The largest organization in the world dedicated to library service to children, a professional association that offers resources, research, and best practices relevant to serving young children in a library setting.
- **Colorado Libraries for Early Literacy** ([https://www.clel.org/](https://www.clel.org/)) - CLEL provides resources and support to strengthen children’s literacy through library services.
- **Every Child Ready to Read, 2nd Edition** ([http://www.everychildreadytoread.org](http://www.everychildreadytoread.org)) - A professional support resource aimed specifically at equipping libraries to provide excellent caregiver workshops and caregiver/child programs focused on supporting early literacy skills.
- **National Association for the Education of Young Children** ([http://www.naeyc.org](http://www.naeyc.org)) - A professional development organization of early childhood care providers that offers trainings, conferences, and research.
- **Supercharged Storytimes** ([https://www.webjunction.org/explore-topics/supercharged-storytimes.html](https://www.webjunction.org/explore-topics/supercharged-storytimes.html)) - This resource from OCLC provides research-based methods for engaging children and caregivers in early literacy practices.
- Your State Library - Look to your state library’s website to locate resources and support for serving babies and toddlers at the library.
Blogs:

- *Jbrary* ([https://jbrary.com](https://jbrary.com)) by Lindsey Krabbenhoft and Dana Horrocks
- *Mel's Desk* ([http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/](http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/)) by Melissa Depper
- *Miss Meg's Storytime* ([http://missmegsstorytime.com/](http://missmegsstorytime.com/)) by Meg Scheibel
- *Reading with Red* ([http://readingwithred.blogspot.com](http://readingwithred.blogspot.com)) by Brooke Newberry
- *Read Sing Play* ([https://klmpeace.wordpress.com](https://klmpeace.wordpress.com)) by Kendra Jones
- *Storytime Katie* ([https://storytimekatie.com](https://storytimekatie.com)) by Katie Salo