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) - 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) - Organization focused exclusively on early childhood, with educational and support resources available.
- *American Academy of Pediatrics* (https://www.aap.org/) - A professional organization of pediatrians that shares research, policy, and best practices for serving and engaging children.
- *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Infants & Toddlers* (https://www.cdc.gov/parents/infants/index.html) - A government resource including basic information on young children as well as recommendations for healthy and devleopmentally appropriate practice.

Professional Resources:
- *Association for Library Service to Children* (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/) - CLEL provides resources and support to strengthen children's literacy through library services.
- *Every Child Ready to Read, 2nd Edition* (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) - 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) - 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) by Lindsey Krabbenhoft and Dana Horrocks
- *Mel's Desk* (http://melissa.depperfamily.net/blog/) by Melissa Depper
- *Miss Meg's Storytime* (http://missmegsstorytime.com/) by Meg Scheibel
- *Reading with Red* (http://readingwithred.blogspot.com) by Brooke Newberry
- *Read Sing Play* (https://klmpeace.wordpress.com) by Kendra Jones
- *Storytime Katie* (https://storytimekatie.com) by Katie Salo