

JOIN THE CONGRESSIONAL BABY CAUCUS
Support a national agenda for Infants & Toddlers

THEIR FUTURE DEPENDS ON US!

Dear Colleague,

Great strides have been made in understanding how children's brains are shaped and developed, how positive behaviors can be encouraged, and how investments in early childhood create success in later years. We must ensure that our policies match the latest research and that families are supported with what they need to take advantage of these scientific advances.

The right investments in our children today pay off many-fold in later years. It makes good economic sense. It is also the right thing to do. Investing in our children early leads to their success, and prevents having to remediate problems later.

Public policies affecting infants and toddlers cross legislative jurisdictional boundaries in Congress. Early Head Start, child welfare, military families, nutrition, prenatal and newborn health care, let alone our environment and health and safety and financial security are but a few examples of the policy issues that may affect our youngest children in unique ways.

While infants and toddlers are often affected by larger policies, as a group, they are often an afterthought – at best the subject of a “set-aside” and, because of their unique needs (and the resources associated), not a priority.

There is a need for champions to identify and promote policies across jurisdictional boundaries and in a manner that is more than an afterthought.

The Congressional Baby Caucus will draw together forward-thinking Members who, because of their commitment and recognition of the importance of awareness and early investment, will act as boosters for a baby agenda.

As policy-makers, we legislate best when we are best informed and when we work together. Join us in our bipartisan effort to learn, educate, and promote that which is best for our kids, from day one.

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