

Infant-Toddler Foundations

The Division of Child Development is proud to announce the publication of early learning guidelines for infants and toddlers (birth through 36 months of age). This document, entitled *Infant-Toddler Foundations*, is the culmination of a multidisciplinary task force of early childhood experts that was established in 2005. Members of the task force studied research, policy, and other states' early learning guidelines to craft for North Carolina a resource that would support high quality care and education for the state's youngest citizens.

In this publication you will find nine guiding principles for caregivers, teachers, and other professionals who work with infants and toddlers. These principles also guided the task force as they developed *Infant-Toddler Foundations*, which is divided into five domains of learning and development: Emotional and Social Development; Health and Physical Development; Approaches to Learning; Language Development and Communication; & Cognitive Development. These guidelines are followed by strategies that caregivers can use to promote and support development and learning.

Training

A cadre of early care and education professionals has completed training developed and provided by NC's Infant Toddler Enhancement Project to offer Introduction to Infant-Toddler Foundations workshops to licensed child care providers serving infants and toddlers across the state. This two-hour training will provide participants with an overview of this new resource, two in-service training hours, information about and opportunities to practice using it to think about next steps for children in care and support their development and learning. If you work directly with infants and toddlers in a licensed child care setting or administer a program providing this care, this training is an opportunity for you! Contact your local Smart Start and/or Child Care Resource & Referral Agency for information about training in your area. You may also contact your Regional Infant-Toddler Specialist at the Lead CCR&R Agency in your area.

Availability

Child care providers - Each trainer has forty copies to give to their first forty training participants. You may receive a free copy of the publication by attending an Introduction to *Infant-Toddler Foundations* workshop.

Order a copy of the publication by clicking [here](#). Fill out the order form and mail it to the location specified on the form.