Sample Listening Session Invitation for Families

ATTENTION [LOCAL AREA] parents and guardians of children ages 0-3: We want to hear from you! You are invited to join us for a *Think BabiesTM*listening session [with local policymakers] to share your stories about the joys and challenges of raising infants and toddlers in [COMMUNITY]. Every parent wants to give their child a strong start in life. But policy has not kept up with the you know firsthand the demands of parenting today and the challenges that families with young children face. We know that families need:

* + Access to quality, affordable child care;
  + Time to bond with their babies;
  + Support for healthy emotional development; and
  + Support for strong physical health and nutrition.

Please come share your stories your policymakers as we urge them to *Think Babies*.

When we *Think Babies* and invest in infants, toddlers, and their families, we ensure a strong future for us all.

[INSERT DETAILS ABOUT YOUR EVENT INCLUDING HOW TO REGISTER]

**About [YOUR ORGANIZATION]**

**About the *Think Babies* Campaign**

ZERO TO THREE created the *Think Babies* campaign to bring attention to what babies and their families need to thrive. The science is clear: Our brains grow faster between the ages of 0 and 3 than at any later point in our lives. Every second, more than one million new neural connections form. These connections have a lifelong impact on how babies learn and grow, and are stimulated and strengthened by nurturing relationships, early learning experiences, and good health and nutrition.

Our future begins with babies. *Think Babies* is a call to action for policymakers to prioritize the needs of infants, toddlers, and their families and invest in our country’s future.