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**Make
noise for
the little
ones.**



Babies and parents from all over Rhode Island are strolling to the State House to tell our Legislators to Think Babies!

When: Wednesday, May 16, 2018 | 1:00 - 4:30 P.M.

Start: Providence Omni Hotel

Stroll: Rhode Island State House

Sign-up: Connect with your Program Director to get Strolling!



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Rhode Island KIDS COUNT, in partnership with **ZERO TO THREE**, is organizing a major event to bring families with babies to the State House. **Strolling Thunder Rhode Island** will take place on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Our goal is to bring statewide attention to what babies -- and families -- need to thrive. This year our focus is on high-quality child care for infants and toddlers!

Families will **meet at the Providence Omni Hotel at 1:00** to hear welcoming remarks and decorate strollers. Then we will stroll to the State House on Francis Street and Smith Street. At 2:30, we will gather in the Bell Room at the State House, which will be equipped with baby-friendly snacks, supplies, and activities, for a meet-and-greet with Rhode Island state legislators. There will be a brief speaking program in the rotunda at 3:30 to celebrate **Child Care Awareness Day** at the State House. Then, at 4:00, families will be introduced on the floor of the RI House of Representatives or the RI Senate.

Staff and volunteers will support families every step of the way. Families will receive brief advocacy training at the Omni and we will provide support throughout the meet-and-greet event.

We are trying to find at least one family with a baby (child under age 3) from all 39 cities and towns in Rhode Island to join us for the event. This year, we are focused on **finding families with infants or toddlers enrolled in child care programs** that serve low-income families (DHS Child Care Assistance Program).

Please help us by finding families who can make a commitment to be there on May 16 from 1:00 to 4:30. Each family that attends will receive a **one-year family membership to the Roger Williams Park Zoo** as a thank you. In addition, child care programs that send families will be entered into a drawing to **receive high-quality infant/toddler materials donated by Kaplan Early Learning.**

If you are interested, please ask your program director to forward you the online [Registration Form](#). Please sign up by **Friday, May 4th.**