



**ZEROTOFIVE**  
MONTANA

Zero to Five Montana is a statewide early childhood organization focused on increasing access to early care and education, supporting and strengthening families, uplifting voices, communities and small businesses.

We work to stabilize, innovate, and build the early childhood system in Montana so all families and communities can thrive.



## Policy

We promote a nonpartisan agenda to advance sustainable early childhood policy strategies. By investing in early care and education, healthy pregnancies and childhoods, the early care and education workforce, and by supporting families through long-range planning, our policy makers can ensure Montana kids and families have the support they need to ensure a healthy and successful future.

We achieve these goals through innovative partnerships, cross-sector collaboration, targeted coalition work and serving as a resource to Montana lawmakers.

### **MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK**

We convene a diverse set of partners across the state through the Montana Early Childhood Network to improve the health of the early childhood system. The network strives to set children and families at the center of decision-making at all levels.

## Advocacy

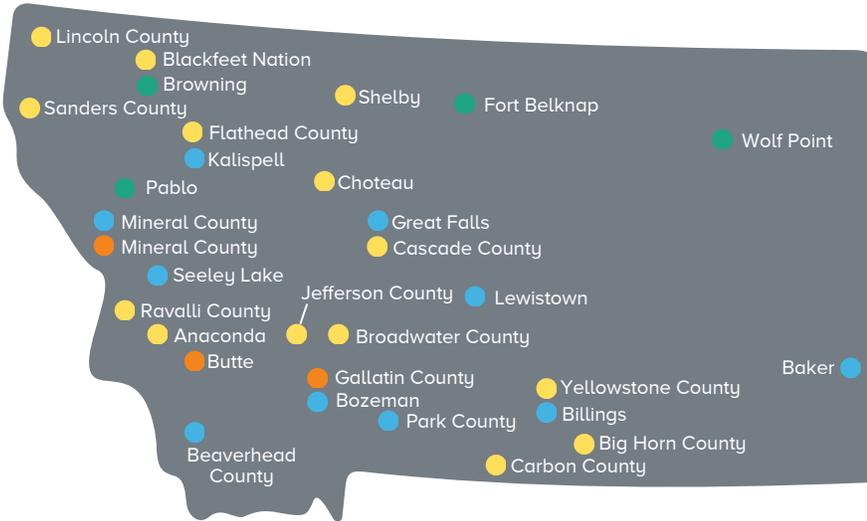
We continue to build relationships and create community advocacy opportunities to help bring local-level issues to state and national elected officials.

### **MONTANA PARENT VOICE**

Our statewide parent advocacy network is dedicated solely to increasing awareness of critical early childhood issues faced by Montana families. Join us at <https://bit.ly/MTParentVoice>.

# Programs

We believe in community-led solutions to build an early childhood system that truly works for families in Montana. Working in partnership with tribes, policymakers, employers, parents, coalitions and organizations, we lead initiatives to ensure locally-led solutions are implemented across the state.



## Montana Child Care Business Connect

This program is Montana's statewide hub for child care business development and innovation. We aim to make lasting change in the state by supporting the success of child care providers and inspiring others to invest in child care systems in their communities.

Learn more:

[ChildCareBusinessConnect.com](http://ChildCareBusinessConnect.com)

### MONTANA INFANT & TODDLER TRIBAL LANGUAGE PILOT

We helped create opportunities for five tribal programs in Montana to build, strengthen, and promote native language strategies in infant and toddler care settings. The pilot supported the opportunity for new legislation, which allows school districts to partner with early childhood programs and receive funding for tribal language programming. We also partner to support the annual Early Childhood Tribal Language Summit hosted by Salish Kootenai College.

### COMMUNITY & EMPLOYER CHILD CARE INNOVATION PILOT

We supported nine partners across Montana in developing a child care infrastructure strategy to meet the needs of employers and families in their communities. Our work with communities continues through Child Care Business Connect. This pilot provided the structure for the child care capacity building cohort model.

### COMMUNITY CHILD CARE CAPACITY BUILDING COHORTS

We are offering individualized technical assistance and a shared networking space for communities across Montana who are interested in addressing child care gaps through a collaborative community-led child care solution.

### FAMILY-CENTERED EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY PILOT

We are supporting Montana communities in designing and implementing prenatal-to-five strategies to increase parent voices in early childhood policy issues.

