

EARLY CHILDHOOD TRIBAL OUTREACH

Zero to Five Montana strives to ensure Montana's early childhood system uplifts the perspectives and experiences of families and early childhood leaders across our tribal nations.

A new, statewide coalition will assist tribes in aligning priorities and sharing knowledge to address early childhood issues and help inform policy decisions through advocacy.



WE AIM TO:

- Bring awareness to issues that specifically impact young children and native families in reservation communities.
- Elevate the voices of native families.
- Improve the relationship between state and tribal government for the benefit of young children.
- Identify strategies to knock down barriers to early childhood programs at tribal and state levels. (Including education on historical trauma and trainings on tribal basics.)
- Improve collaboration and relationships with state entities.
- Increase knowledge and value of early childhood education in all communities and across state and tribal governments.
- Create opportunities for infant-toddler programs in Montana to create, strengthen, and promote native language strategies in classrooms by supporting the annual Tribal Language Summit held at Salish Kootenai College.



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With a diverse professional background, Callie has been working to support families and early childhood initiatives at the community level in her hometown of Butte for many years.

Her position at Zero to Five Montana was created through a partnership with Salish Kootenai College to ensure the unique early care and education among tribes is represented in statewide policy work. Callie is building strong relationships with communities, parents, and leaders in Montana and advocates for all children and families.

Callie discovered her passion for early childhood after becoming a mother herself. She recognized first-hand the impact access to early learning opportunities, prevention through early intervention, and other supportive programs can have on young children and families.

Her family comes from the Little Shell Tribe, located in Great Falls, that was federally-recognized in 2019.

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ABOUT ZERO TO FIVE 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. Our promise is to stabilize, innovate, and build the early childhood system in Montana so all families and communities can thrive.

Zero to Five Montana believes in community-led solutions to build an early childhood system that truly works for families in Montana. Our organization offers a variety of initiatives to ensure locally-led solutions are implemented across the state.

POLICY

Working in partnership with communities, tribes, policymakers, employers, parents and an array of organizations, Zero to Five Montana promotes a nonpartisan agenda to advance early childhood policy strategies through innovative partnerships, collaboration and sustainable solutions.

Zero to Five Montana offers legislative tracking, policy research, and policy briefs as accessible resources to citizens in Montana.

ADVOCACY

Zero to Five Montana is engaged in building relationships and creating community advocacy opportunities through a variety of avenues and initiatives.

MONTANA PARENT VOICE - Our statewide parent advocacy network dedicated solely to increasing awareness related to critical early childhood issues in Montana. Join us at <https://bit.ly/MTParentVoice>.

MONTANA EARLY CHILDHOOD NETWORK - We are convening a diverse set of individuals to co-create and deploy a statewide early childhood network. The network will bind together various sectors with a shared vision to prioritize young children in decision-making, reduce silos, and advance positive change for children and families.

PROGRAMS

MONTANA CHILD CARE BUSINESS CONNECT - Montana's statewide hub for child care business development and innovation. This program aims 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 at ChildCareBusinessConnect.com.