

Christina Nigrelli is a valued Early Childhood thought leader with more than 30 years of transformative educational leadership experience with extensive expertise in local and statewide workforce development. As the face of ZERO TO THREE California, she spearheads the customization of national programs for the State of California including efforts to support the expansion of HealthySteps (a program of ZERO TO THREE) across California. Ms. Nigrelli collaborates with key stakeholders across the state to shape policies to improve coverage and reimbursement for critical services that support the health and well-being of young children and families.

As Senior Director of Programs, Ms. Nigrelli is responsible for programmatic, financial, and administrative oversight of the ZERO TO THREE California Initiative. Prior to joining ZERO TO THREE, Ms. Nigrelli worked in Higher Education as Early Childhood Education Faculty at California State University, Long Beach and Saddleback College, Mission Viejo, CA. As faculty of higher education, she worked collaboratively with early childhood programs providing professional development training as well as mentoring and coaching of early childhood professionals. Ms. Nigrelli has over thirty years of experience in Early Childhood beginning her career as an Infant and Toddler Specialist for a privately funded child care program. Ms. Nigrelli is most proud of her long career of commitment to and continuous support for the health and well being of all children and families.