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Christina Nigrelli, Senior Director of Programs, leads the ZERO TO THREE (ZTT) Western Office—including overseeing Western Office staff and programming, and ensures coordination and alignment of ZTT national programming with ZTT's work in California. Ms. Nigrelli has worked in the early care and education field for over 27 years with extensive experience in local and statewide workforce development - including teaching higher education in Early Childhood and Child Development and Family Studies. Ms. Nigrelli developed and implements the [**Prenatal To Age 5 Workforce Development Project**](#) and coordinates ZTT's Parent Engagement staff in planning and implementation of Los Angeles parent engagement strategies and activities.

Prior to joining ZTT in 2012, she was a professor at Saddleback College teaching courses such as Early Childhood Development, Principles and Practices in Early Care and Education, Infant and Toddler Development, Learning and Curriculum, Administration and Supervision and Early Childhood Curriculum, to prepare students to work with young children and their families in early learning programs at all levels, including administration. As a Lecturer at California State university, Long Beach Ms. Nigrelli taught Child Growth and Development, Family and Personal Development, Prenatal Development and Infancy, Language Development, Family Stress and Coping for the Professional Educator, Guidance for Young Children, The Preschool Child, Practicum, and Early Childhood Curriculum. for students aiming to work with children and/or families in a variety of work roles. She co-authored several Seamless Education Awards funded by the Boeing Corporation designed to support child development students' academic achievements in Math and English, and increase matriculation and graduation. She received an Assessment Grant for the development of Project LEAD incorporating a portfolio project into lower division child development courses to better track and monitor student success rates within the child development program. As the Infant and Toddler Program Coordinator of the California State University Long beach Child and Family Center Ms. Nigrelli, supervised staff and student interns; and was also an Assistant Professor in the Child and Adolescent Development Department of Long Beach City College where she taught courses in early care and education including parent education classes. Ms. Nigrelli has an M.A. in Early Childhood Education and B.A. in Child Development and Family Studies from California State University, Long Beach; and an Ed. S. in Early Childhood Education from Walden University