



Matthew Melmed

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Executive Director, ZERO TO THREE

As Executive Director of ZERO TO THREE, Matthew Melmed is an internationally recognized leader and tireless advocate devoted to promoting the health and development of infants and toddlers. Bringing together the perspectives of many fields and specialties and cutting-edge research about the importance of early experiences, Mr. Melmed is committed to translating what we know into what we do for very young children and their families. Since 1995 he has guided the growth of the organization's activities to help enhance early social-emotional development through promotion, prevention, and treatment strategies in both public and private systems and programs. In recognition of his transformative work, Worth Magazine named ZERO TO THREE one of "America's 100 Best Charities."

His career reflects an enduring dedication to creating a better future for young children and their families and includes leadership roles such as chairing the Boards of Generations United, the Food Research and Action Center, serving as the first elected Chair of the Children's Leadership Council and serving on the Board of Rob Reiner's I Am Your Child Foundation. He has been recognized with numerous honors, such as the Sonya Bemporad Award from the World Association of Infant Mental Health and the Simms/Mann Institute's Whole Child "Visionary" Award.

Matthew envisions a world where every baby can reach their full potential through strong early connections and supportive environments. He is committed to advancing research-driven policies and practices that ensure infants and toddlers receive the care, education and family support essential for lifelong success. His leadership reflects a deep belief that investing in the earliest years lays the foundation for a more equitable, compassionate and prosperous society.

Matthew Melmed has served on the Turrell Fund Board since 2010.