



## ADIRONDACK BIRTH TO THREE ALLIANCE

### VISION

All young children are healthy, learning, and thriving in families that are supported by a full complement of services and resources essential for successful development.

### MISSION

Create a regional structure to design and manage strategies that support a comprehensive and sustainable early childhood system as evidenced by school readiness.

### JOIN US

Are you a child care provider, physician, or other professional who works with young children or their families in Clinton, Essex or Franklin counties, or the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation? Join us! It's free! Email Megan Murphy, BT3 Director: [megan@adironackbt3.org](mailto:megan@adironackbt3.org)

# The Best Possible Start in Life

The Adirondack Birth to Three Alliance has a clear goal: To fulfill all childrens' promise to become healthy, thriving, contributing members of their communities.

### **The first 1,000 days make a lifetime of difference.**

Experiences during the first three years, when 90 percent of intensive brain development occurs, have a lasting impact on later learning, health, and success.

**Successful children aren't born that way.** They need care and attention to do their best, and so do their parents. The Adirondack Birth to Three Alliance (BT3) was established in 2014 by the Adirondack Foundation in collaboration with a small group of caring funders to ensure all families have access to the resources needed to help their children develop the social, emotional, and academic foundations that will serve them throughout life.

**We can't afford to wait.** When we give children the tools to succeed, we all benefit. High-quality, early education produces the highest return on investment. A vital and productive society with a prosperous future is built on a foundation of healthy child development.

**Our mission is your mission.** We all have a stake in what happens to children in those critical first 1,000 days.

Crossing boundaries, BT3 brings together providers in Clinton, Essex, and Franklin counties, and the St. Regis Mohawk Reservation, to improve and expand early-care services through advocacy, training, and public outreach.

## **About BT3**

Our active members include over 30 organizations, agencies, and early childhood educators. We have over 200 members that we connect with through email and social media.

Our core goals are based on five building blocks: home visits for all newborns (universal), ongoing home visiting for vulnerable families (comprehensive), increased access to family resource centers, increasing access to high-quality early education, and increasing access to high quality health care.



## **Highlights of current achievements**

- With BT3 assistance, Healthy Families has extended to 48 families in Franklin County with a 5-year, \$1 million grant.
- Produced a home visiting guide for professionals and families in Franklin County.
- As one of five pilot sites selected by NYS, our partners are delivering New Parent Kits to expecting and new parents.
- Working with our partners to develop a vision for a Saranac Lake family resource center based on community input gathered from thirty adults (and many children).
- Our counties now have 21 child care providers in QUALITYstarsNY, up from five since the start of BT3. We are working with our partners to recruit additional providers for a wait list to show the demand for the program.
- Adirondack Foundation's Small Grants for Small Children program has awarded more than \$40,000 to our region's early childhood educators for training, educational supplies, and safety improvements.

### **You Can Help**

To make a gift, please contact [mel@adkfoundation.org](mailto:mel@adkfoundation.org) or visit [adirondackbt3.org](http://adirondackbt3.org)

**Thank YOU!**

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