

## What Does WV Birth to Three Mean to You?

"WVBTT is like family. They were with us through the good and bad times. During the bad times, they helped us understand and cope. During the good times, they were celebrating with us. My daughter may not be cured, but I can only imagine where she might be without the wonderful, caring, supportive people at WVBTT."



Eric, Parent

West Virginia Birth to Three provides early intervention supports and services to families of children under age three who have developmental delays.

In 2009, WVBTT provided comprehensive developmental services to more than **5,000** children and their families!

"It is a joy to interact and help families make a difference in their children's lives. Seeing children grow and achieve goals right in front of my eyes and being a part of something bigger than myself---that is the best part of being a practitioner in Birth to Three."

> Rachel, Service Coordinator



"My child was in Birth to Three and I loved it so much I never left...now I am a practitioner."

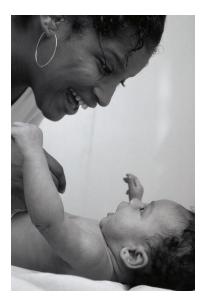
Michelle, Developmental Specialist

"We didn't know where to start when our son was first diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Birth to Three helped us to understand the diagnosis, we didn't feel alone anymore, they helped us look at what all our son could do and not focus on what he couldn't. I could not praise them enough. Without them, I would have been totally lost. They gave me all of the resources that I needed to help my son to get to his full potential. Thank you WVBTT."

Joetta, Parent



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My experience with WV Birth to Three began when my husband and I became foster parents in 2005. Knowing some of the trauma our little ones had been through, I was glad to have Birth to Three contact me and come to our house to perform their evaluations. We ended up having four of our fosteradoptive sons enrolled with WV Birth to Three, and although it was a challenge at times to have virtual strangers coming in and out of our home, and to balance all of the schedules, I was thrilled to see our children getting the early intervention services they so desperately needed. We had some fantastic practitioners on our teams. The ones who really made a huge difference were those who were personable, helpful, knowledgeable, and those who got "down and dirty" with our very active little guys. It may not have been crystal clear at the time, but looking back, I can fully see just how important it was to have WV Birth to Three working with our children and our family, and I will never forget those practitioners who went "above and beyond" the call of duty, and made an everlasting mark on all of our lives.

## Dawn, Parent/Parent Partner

Birth to Three allows me to work around my family's needs while helping other families the way mine was helped. I can't imagine a more rewarding career!

Karen, Parent & BTT Service Coordinator

As a working mother, I REALLY appreciate the flexibility this job offers...and "work" that allows me to go and share new ideas and strategies with parents to help make *their* lives and their *child's* life a little easier & happier, means that each day brings new challenges and rewards!

Holly, Physical Therapist





## TELL US! What does WV Birth to Three Mean to YOU?

Are you a Birth to Three parent that wants to share your experience with others?

Are you a licensed practitioner who enjoys your work with WV Birth to Three?

Do you just want to share with others the program and what it has done for your child, for you and your family?

WV Birth to Three is looking for testimonials on the benefits of working with and participating in the program. This is an opportunity for you to share the rewards with others.

If you are wanting to share your testimonial with others on how WV Birth to Three benefitted your child and family OR if you want to encourage others to become involved with a rewarding opportunity, please forward your information to:

> WV Birth to Three 350 Capitol Street, Room 427 Charleston, WV 25301



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Email your information to: <u>dhhrwvbtt@wv.gov</u> In Subject line: TESTIMONIAL