"The range and depth of children’s understanding of the world is continually changing and expanding as a result of their day to day transactions."

Amy Powell, 1991
Recognizing the importance of the first three years of life, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services has funded an Infant Toddler Resource Center in each of the licensing regions. The Long Island Center is a collaborative project involving the Child Care Councils of Nassau and Suffolk.

Long Island Infant Toddler Resource Center is designed to support childcare providers working with children from birth to 36 months.

There are more than 5000 infants and toddlers in licensed and registered child care of Long Island. Recent brain research demonstrates that early care has a decisive and long lasting impact on how people develop their ability to learn, and their capacity to regulate their own emotions.*

Caring for babies and young children is an awesome responsibility. Those working with infants and toddlers need to have access to information and support in order to expand their skills.


- On-site observation and assistance.
- Coaching and mentoring for family, group, and centers.
- Assistance in planning and arranging environments.
- Assistance in planning and implementing curriculum.
- Assistance initiating a new infant or toddler program.
- Assistance working with a specific infant, toddler, staff person, or parent.
- Opportunities for professional development.
- Assistance in planning personal professional development.
- Infant Toddler Series, a series of workshops on topics relevant to the care and education of infants and toddlers.
- Access to books, literature and DVD’s addressing all aspects of infant and toddler care and education.

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