



*A Nationwide Network of Doctors  
Advocating for Young Children*

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### **ABOUT DOCS FOR TOTS**

Founded in 2003, Doc For Tots, a 501c3 non-profit, nonpartisan advocacy organization, was created to encourage doctors to fulfill their important role as active advocates for infants, toddlers, and preschoolers on the national, state, and local levels. Our mission is to develop, support, and grow a nationwide network of doctors who respond to the requests of child advocacy organizations and others in promoting policies and practices that will improve the health and development of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers.

### **OUR STRATEGY**

We make advocacy simple by giving doctors the tools and support they need so that they can, individually and as a group, do a better job of leveraging public opinion and policy.

- We link doctors with advocacy opportunities.
- We provide a variety of resources to educate doctors about advocacy and to make them feel more comfortable and confident as advocates through our toolkit, talking points and presentations.
- We provide ongoing technical assistance and support to network doctors and organizations.
- We partner with national, state, and local child advocacy, medical and educational organizations, as well as residency programs to facilitate connections for DFT network participants and to foster relationships between doctors and child advocacy groups.
- We develop programs to educate residents and medical students in early childhood advocacy.
- We raise awareness by presenting to various audiences on social policy and child development topics, writing opinion-editorials, making legislative visits, communicating with elected officials, and participating in press events.
- We foster collaborations between the health and early learning communities.

### **OUR PROGRAMS**

Docs For Tots works on issues affecting the health and development of young children, birth through age five, including: child care and early education, poverty, foster care, parenting education, mental health, access to care, and social and emotional development. We strive to engage doctors in issues not traditionally seen as health-related, where they can provide strong advocacy voices for young children and families.

We currently have affiliates in New York, Washington, Florida and North Carolina and are working in all states to provide meaningful network activities that strive towards social justice for children.

*Please visit our website, [www.docsfortots.org](http://www.docsfortots.org), for detailed information about our projects, to join our network, explore our resources and add your valuable voice to our growing network.*

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