

# Why LEARN?

The value of ZERO TO THREE's LEARN Conference for the HealthySteps network



*The following content is designed to aid members of the HealthySteps network in understanding and explaining the value of the LEARN Conference for their individual professional development and the betterment of their team's ability to deliver HealthySteps services and drive impact in the community they serve.*

[ZERO TO THREE's LEARN Conference](#) is the **industry's largest gathering of early childhood professionals**. It is also the **only national convening for HealthySteps professionals** and the only conference with a full track of programming specifically designed for the unique role of the HealthySteps Specialist and other HealthySteps team members.

At ZERO TO THREE's LEARN Conference 2024, you'll get up to three days of learning and connection, including:

- Two days with **more than 70 sessions on early childhood topics** you won't find anywhere else, including a **HealthySteps program track** with dedicated sessions and events tailored for the HealthySteps network (all day, every day!).
  - Sessions are presented by members of the HealthySteps network, National Office staff, and trusted partners.
  - Last year, topics included addressing disparities in postpartum depression screening and intervention, innovative approaches and lessons learned for early intervention referrals, and strengthening the ability to collect and report outcome data.
  - This year, we're excited to build on previous years and highlight new and emerging insights and resources, as well as provide refreshers and guidance around key implementation topics. The 2024 schedule includes:
    - Insights from the field on using CQI to amplify caregiver voices to inform improved service delivery
    - Strategies for addressing service disparities in the availability and delivery of care in pediatrics
    - Methods for caring for families from pregnancy through parenthood regarding perinatal depression
    - Empower caregivers to manage their young children's screen time.
    - Opportunities to connect with HealthySteps National Office experts on key topics like electronic health records (EHR) troubleshooting and optimization, unlocking sustainable funding, and Annual Site Reporting

- The **HealthySteps Symposium—a free, optional add-on of a full day of tailored professional development** designed to meet the needs of the HealthySteps network. This year’s Symposium will focus on autism spectrum disorder (ASD).
  - Young children presenting with signs of autism are becoming an increasing area of focus for pediatric providers. Join us to learn from experts in the field about how best to meet the needs of families facing this challenge. We will focus on:
    - Unpacking the seemingly alarming increase in prevalence
    - Identifying the earliest signs of ASD
    - Talking with caregivers about concerns and referrals
    - Understanding cultural differences in responses to ASD
    - Unpacking assessments
    - Navigating the dearth of community resources
    - Supporting caregivers when waitlists are long
- The unique opportunity to **connect with likeminded professionals from across the country**—including members of the HealthySteps network, HealthySteps National Office staff, and other early childhood professionals—to share learnings and evidence-based practices and identify opportunities for collaboration.
- **Continuing Education Units** for each session.
- **Cutting-edge information and research**, discussion focused on the latest innovations in the field, and a chance to share insights on where we’re heading.

ZERO TO THREE is pleased to provide a discount on registration for the HealthySteps network, along with the exclusive add-on of the free HealthySteps Symposium. Groups of five or more are eligible for an additional discount. For more information, visit the [2024 LEARN Conference page](#).

*Here’s what previous HealthySteps attendees had to say about their experience...*

**“The conference last year has shaped my work.** The [Symposium’s] FAN training has opened my delivery model up to a new way of communicating with families and how I approach well visits. I learned so much from that day and the presentations to follow during the conference. I always appreciate being with other HealthySteps Specialists and sharing successes and challenges in our clinics and regions.”

**“I am feeling inspired after attending the ZERO TO THREE LEARN Conference. This invaluable experience afforded me the opportunity to forge connections within a multidisciplinary community**

**of esteemed professionals, visionaries, and passionate advocates.** Their dedication to advancing equity and the overall well-being of children and families resonates with me.”

**“I loved the opportunity to collaborate and have courageous conversations about the work that we do, what's working well, but even the challenges.** It was important for me not only to attend the learning opportunities provided during the day, but also to have scheduled time in the evening for meeting with national partners both at ZERO TO THREE but also around the country who are implementing HealthySteps.

**I find this a most rewarding experience** and I loved the sessions where I could hear about ways that different programs are working within best practices and model fidelity, but also trying new things to enhance what we do.”