

Announcing the

2010 Emily Fenichel Award for Leadership

Nominations are invited for the 2010 Emily Fenichel Award for Leadership in the Zero-to-Three Field in New York. Established by the New York Zero-to-Three Network in 2007, the award honors the memory of Emily Fenichel, MSW, Associate Director of ZERO TO THREE: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families, whose work often served to bring the voices of “unsung heroes” in the zero-to-three field to the fore. Because many zero-to-three leaders work quietly in their schools or organizations without much public acknowledgement, the Emily Fenichel Award is intended to provide an opportunity for their dedication to be recognized.

Nominees may be a supervisor, a teacher, a community advocate, a home visitor, a therapist, a childcare worker, a parent, a policymaker – anyone whose contributions to infants and toddlers through practice, research, leadership or advocacy are deemed exemplary by a panel of judges.

To nominate an individual for The Emily Fenichel Award, please submit a nominating statement of no longer than 750 words, typed, double-spaced, to Emily Fenichel Award Committee, New York Zero-to-Three Network, 331 West 57th Street, #166, New York, NY 10019. Deadline for submission is February 12, 2010.

The recipient of the 2010 Emily Fenichel Award will be announced in February 2010 and the award will be presented at the New York Zero-to-Three Network’s Annual Spring Conference to be held in May 2010 in New York City.

For further information about The Emily Fenichel Award, please contact Pamela A. Guarrera at the New York Zero-to-Three Network at 718-638-7788 or info@nyzerotothree.org.

About Emily Fenichel:

Emily Fenichel was a pioneer in what has become the field of “zero to three,” a body of knowledge, a network of people and programs, and a movement dedicated to promoting the well-being of infants and toddlers. Fenichel spent 30 years at ZERO TO THREE: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families, starting in its early days when there were only two employees and growing into her roles as Associate Director, editor-in-chief of the influential bimonthly journal *Zero to Three*, staff coordinator of the National Training Institutes, and mentor to leaders all over North America and beyond. Fenichel’s openness, patience, capacity to respect others, and unparalleled editing skills brought unheard voices to the field’s notice and helped create a sense of community for professionals working with infants and toddlers across disciplinary, systemic and national boundaries. She was responsible for guiding and inspiring numerous publications that defined the zero-to-three field, including *DC 0-3R*, now a classic. Fenichel traveled far and wide helping people put their ideas, programs, and stories into words. She transformed doers into writers and leaders, and the world of ideas which were becoming the zero-to-three field enlarged. Humble by nature, Fenichel possessed vision, a towering intellect, a formidable memory, a dead-pan, sharp sense of humor, unusual kindness, and a remarkable ability to listen deeply. She also adored babies. Tragically, Fenichel died in a traffic accident on June 8, 2006 in Washington, DC.