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Early Childhood Intervention Expert Dr. Barbara Stroud Chosen for Prestigious National Fellowship

Washington, DC, July 18, 2005 - Dr. Barbara Stroud, a resident of Los Angeles, CA, and a community service provider in South Los Angeles, has been chosen as one of 25 fellows for ZERO TO THREE's prestigious *Leaders for the 21st Century* program. This leadership development initiative provides each of the participants with an opportunity to collaborate with top leaders from many disciplines, as well as receive assistance for an innovative project aimed at improving the lives of very young children. The 25 new fellows include 12 Solnit Fellows (individuals who are early in their careers) and 13 Harris Mid-Career Fellows (experienced professionals with an established record of leadership and achievement). They will all participate in a planned series of activities designed to further their career goals, increase their leadership skills and expand their knowledge and perspective. The new fellows come from 16 states, the District of Columbia and South Africa, and represent 9 disciplines including psychiatry, psychology, psychoanalysis, special education, pediatrics, law, policy, early childhood education and nursing.

Dr. Stroud, Director of Early Intervention and Community Wellness at the Los Angeles Child Guidance Clinic, was selected among other talented professionals from all over the United States, Europe and South Africa for implementing policies and practices that promote the healthy development of babies and families. Dr. Stroud recently presented her work, "Searching for Cultural Competence" at the ZERO TO THREE national conference.

Leaders for the 21st Century dates back to 1981 and has nurtured more than 225 leaders who are now making significant contributions to the early childhood field. Past participants in this program have used the fellowship experience to help them do such things as:

- Run a national foundation that focuses its giving on early childhood development
- Edit the ground-breaking report from the National Academies of Science entitled "From Neurons to Neighborhoods: The Science of Early Childhood Development"
- Study expulsion rates in preschool children
- Develop innovative models to serve infants and toddlers in the foster care system, and
- Run programs in juvenile and family courts in Massachusetts and Florida that provide comprehensive services to families with infants and toddlers.

ZERO TO THREE is a national non-profit organization founded more than 25 years ago by leading pediatricians and child development specialists to share new knowledge on how children develop in the early years. For more information, please visit www.zerotothree.org.