

Learn the Signs. Act Early.

Ambassadors

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Tierney Giannotti selected by CDC as an Act Early Ambassador

Connecticut (February 15, 2012) – Tierney Giannotti has been selected to serve as an Act Early Ambassador for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” program. Tierney will play an important role in educating Connecticut’s parents, healthcare professionals, and early educators about early childhood development, warning signs of autism and other developmental disabilities, and the importance of acting early on concerns about a child’s development.

Developmental disabilities are common in the United States. A recent study shows that about 1 in 6 children has been diagnosed with a developmental disability. It’s important that these children are identified early and that they and their families receive the services and support they need.

Tierney was selected as an Act Early Ambassador because of her commitment to improving the lives of children and families and increasing access to services for children with developmental disabilities. The Act Early Ambassadors project is designed to develop a network of state-level experts to improve early identification of developmental delay and disability. It is a collaborative project of CDC’s National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities (NCBDDD), the Health Resources and Services Administration’s (HRSA’s) Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), and the Association of University Centers on Disabilities (AUCD).

For more information visit: www.cdc.gov/actearly or www.aucd.org/actearly.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s National Center on Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities, in collaboration with national partners, created a public awareness campaign called “Learn the Signs. Act Early.” The campaign aims to educate parents about childhood development, including early warning signs of autism and other developmental disorders, and encourages developmental screening and intervention.