

Dear Member of the Baby TALK Professional Association,

How fortunate we are to share a common purpose in our professional lives and to be able to unite our efforts on behalf of the children and families we serve.

We believe there are so many reasons to stay connected with the growing network of Baby TALK Practitioners. Across 36 states and Canada, together we experience the joys and challenges of working with diverse families on a daily basis.

As an effective research-based model, it is imperative that we maintain consistency across all Baby TALK programs and continue to guarantee quality service delivery of Baby TALK methods. To this end, we require ALL Baby TALK practitioners to retain current Baby TALK certification. This certification is renewable on an annual basis and will allow for ongoing use of the Baby TALK Curriculum, Baby TALK Materials, logos and literature.

As a Certified Baby TALK Professional, we value your commitment to children and families.

**To keep your Baby TALK Certification current and to maintain membership in the Baby TALK Professional Association, we *must* hear from you. Please complete and return the membership renewal form and program survey along with the \$60.00 membership fee to:
Baby TALK, Attn: BTPA Recertification, 500 E. Lake Shore Drive, Decatur IL 62521.**

We hope that you consider our affiliation with one another an integral step in our collective effort to address the needs of young families in each of our respective communities. It is important to point out that the Baby TALK Professional Association also allows us to focus on the importance of building professionalism within the early childhood community and to strive to “become ever better.”

Thank you for the work that you do on behalf of young families in your community. We look forward to continuing our work together.

With Best Wishes,



Deb Widenhofer
Training Institute Director

Membership Renewal Form

Baby TALK Practitioner Certification and enrollment in the BTPA is current for **One Year** after having been through Training. At the end of that year, Practitioners are notified by Baby TALK to re-enroll in the BTPA if they wish to keep their certification current.

*** Note: Professionals who are not currently enrolled in the Baby TALK Professional Association are NOT eligible to use the Baby TALK Curriculum, literature, logos, names, research findings or copyrights.**

What you can expect in the coming year:

***Annual Renewal Fee: \$60.00**

- New Baby TALK website
- Invitation to the Annual Conference (Decatur- Friday, Nov. 2nd & Chicago- Friday, Nov. 16th)
- 10% Discount on Baby TALK materials
- Networking opportunities with Certified Baby TALK Practitioners
- Targeted technical support for your programs
- babyTECH; Baby TALK's new database (documenting, tracking, reporting & research)
- Opportunity to receive newly updated curriculum
- Opportunity to apply for Baby TALK Leadership Fellowship Program

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to children and families and your dedication to building a strong Baby TALK community.

Please be sure to enclose the following to renew your BTPA membership for FY 2013:

- ✓ Renewal Form
- ✓ Program Survey
- ✓ \$60 Membership Fee

Payment method (choose one):

- ___ Check enclosed
- ___ Invoice my purchase order number _____
- ___ Charge my Visa or Mastercard:

Card No. _____ Exp. Date: _____ 3-Digit Code (back of card): _____

Billing Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Your feedback is important to us. Please take a moment to complete the following survey. Your input will help us to improve our service to you and your program. Please indicate any changes to your contact information so that we may update our database.

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Approximate number of families served per year: Children _____ Parents _____

What methods work the best when recruiting families for your program?

How are you using Baby TALK methods and/or materials in your program?

Please share any challenges to implementing a Baby TALK program in your community:

How can Baby TALK Inc. support your work in your community?

Additional Comments/Suggestions:

Thank you for your commitment to serving children and families.
Please contact us @ www.babytalk.org or 217.475.2234