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Dr. T Berry Brazelton Awarded Presidential Citizens Medal 2012

Dr. Brazelton has been recognized for 60-years of pioneering contributions to pediatrics and child development.

President Obama awarded Dr. Brazelton the Presidential Citizens Medal, the nation's second-highest civilian honor. President Obama recognized Dr. Brazelton, 95, for his pioneering contributions to the field of pediatrics and child development. His ground breaking Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale (NBAS) is now used worldwide to recognize the physical and neurological responses of newborns, as well as emotional well-being and individual differences. His innovative, evidence-based approach to child development consists of practical tools and resources designed to strengthen parent-child relationships, help parents understand their child's strengths and behaviors, and encourage full communities to unite around promoting children's healthy development.

Dr. Brazelton's work reflects a critical focus of President Obama's agenda in the second-term. The President highlighted in his State of the Union Address on Tuesday the importance of promoting children's early learning and guaranteeing high-quality pre-school programs for all children, despite family income level.

The Brazelton Touchpoints Center was founded by Dr. Brazelton at Boston Children's Hospital in 1996 with the goal of promoting strengths-based, family-centered care.

About Dr. T Berry Brazelton

The author of more than 35 books and more than 200 scientific papers, Dr. Brazelton has spent his career focused on topics such as individual differences among newborns, the parent-infant attachment, the importance of early intervention to at-risk infants, and opportunities for strengthening families in early infancy. He also shared expertise as host of the popular TV show, «What Every Baby Knows,» which aired from 1983 to 1995.

A renowned advocate for families with young children, Dr. Brazelton was a pivotal supporter of the enactment of the 1993 Family and Medical Leave Act, which guarantees three months of maternity



Dr. Brazelton and Barack Obama. Photo by Robin Leeds.

leave, as well as Public Law 99457, which extends rights and protections of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act to young children.

Dr. Brazelton has served as Clinical Professor of Pediatrics Emeritus at Harvard Medical School since 1988.

About Brazelton Touchpoints Center

Founded by Dr. T Berry Brazelton at Boston Children's Hospital in 1996, the Brazelton Touchpoints Center® offers innovative, strength-based interventions and practices to equip and engage families, caregivers, and practitioners to successfully support all domains of children's development essential to successful early learning and lifelong success. The Center offers resources related to professional development, research and evaluation, practice innovation and technical assistance, as well as public advocacy focused on systematic change for children and families. Since its inception, the Brazelton Touchpoints Center® has brought Touchpoints principles and strategies to all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and eight American Indian Tribes. The Center's approach has been embraced by tens of thousands of providers in early care and education, health care, and early intervention, reaching more than one million families across the country. For more information, please visit: <http://www.brazeltontouchpoints.org/>.

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