

ZERO WEEKS: QUICK FACTS

Logline: America's paid leave crisis and the cost of doing nothing.

Runtime: 86 minutes

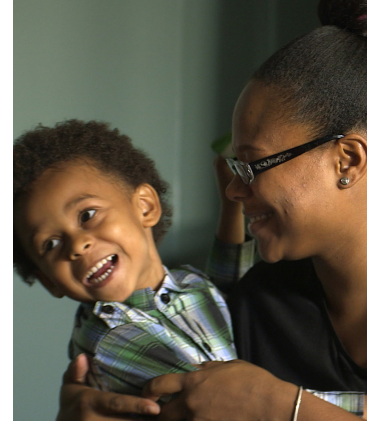
Production Company: Yellowing Productions, Chicago

Festival Highlights:

- WORLD PREMIERE: Camden International Film Festival, September 2017
- NEW YORK PREMIERE: DocNYC, November 2017
- WEST COAST PREMIERE: Portland Film Festival, November 2017

Awards:

- BEST DOCUMENTARY from International Women's Film Festival
- BEST EDITING from Colorado International Film Festival
- Focus Award for "Achievement in Directing" from Women in Film
- Culture Champion Award from Family Values @ Work in partnership with Labor Project for Working Families



Film Boilerplate: Most Americans agree that family comes first, but we are the only developed country without paid leave. In one of the richest nations in the world, having a baby, a medical emergency or an aging parent can be a trigger into poverty. Weaving powerful personal stories with insightful interviews, *ZERO WEEKS*, explores America's paid leave crisis and the cost of doing nothing. *ZERO WEEKS* is the fourth film by award-winning director, Ky Dickens, a female director with a track record of using her work to shift public opinion. To learn more or to view the film's trailer, visit ZeroWeeks.com.

Quotes from Director Ky Dickens:

"All of my films are birthed from necessity. Following the birth of my daughter, I was faced with the experience of inadequate maternity leave, which left me in emotional and financial distress. That experience became a gateway for awareness that millions of men and women face the same situation every year. The paid leave crisis does not only affect new parents, but anyone who has struggled with a personal injury or illness, or cared for a sick spouse or aging parent."

"My purpose as a filmmaker lies within the ability to tell stories that haven't been told before. I'm interested in digging beneath headlines and common perspectives, into stories that have been buried by time, injustice, ignorance or lack of interest. If history is commonly written by those with privilege, power, access and prominence, I want to tell the stories of those who have been forgotten, lost or left out. *ZERO WEEKS* is one of these. It illuminates how our country's lack of paid family leave hurts businesses and families alike."

Quote from Ellen Bravo, co-director of Family Values @ Work and the "Agent of Change" featured in *ZERO WEEKS*:

"The momentum behind the paid leave movement is undeniable. Activists all across the country have been fighting for policies at the state and national level; in just over a year, we've doubled the number of states (from 3 to 6) which passed paid leave. Whether you are nursing a newborn, getting chemo, or taking care of an aging parent while trying to earn a living, the lack of paid leave in this country impacts almost all of us. This film will be a powerful tool to create awareness and engagement."

Interviews with Ky Dickens or Ellen Bravo are available upon request. Please email press@zeroweeks.com

Images from the film, promotional graphics and other resources are available at zeroweeks.com/press-downloads/