



New York Zero-to-Three Network
a statewide organization celebrating 25 years

October 2016 Newsletter



Welcome from Co-Presidents

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2016/17! We kicked off our 25th anniversary last year honoring G. Gordon Williamson, PhD, at the Annual 'Hedi Levenback Evening with a Pioneer' event in October; this provided a great opportunity to celebrate Gordon's many accomplishments and contributions to the field while allowing members and friends to reconnect and network.

Our roundtable offerings during the year included 'Expulsion and Suspension in Early Childhood Settings,' 'Safe Sleep,' and the work of Rise Magazine. Our Annual Conference in May, 'Challenges and Solutions Implementing Evidence-Based Interventions in the Real World,' explored the challenges of adapting mainstream 'evidence-based' programs to children and families with diverse backgrounds and life experiences.

We ended our 25th anniversary year with the Annual Membership Meeting, where we were honored to feature guest speaker, Pat Levitt, Ph.D., who gave an inspiring presentation about 'Making the Case for Investment in Early Brain and Child Development - Building Our Future.' The Annual Meeting included a wide range of leaders, experts and professionals from across the state, including Infancy Leadership Circle (ILC) representatives from Buffalo, Syracuse, and the

Capital district. We value their input on critical issues facing the New York State infancy movement and appreciate their working with us to create priorities and strategies for the next 25 years.

The Communications Committee completed the redesign of our website (<http://nyztt.org>), and as an organization we have widened our outreach through social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [LinkedIn](#), and [Pinterest](#)). Come join our conversations!

Looking forward to the next 25 years, we have developed a strong strategic plan that will guide our efforts in supporting our mission. At the very heart of our Network is our intent to bring together individuals from all disciplines that work with infants, toddlers and their families, and provide networking opportunities to share work, learn from each other, and increase knowledge and experience in the field of infant development and the interventions that promote optimal health in all domains. We are the only platform in New York State that provides this broad inclusion, and we are the unifying voice that promotes policies and funding to support infants, toddlers and their families in all disciplines. Through our members and our network of Infancy Leadership Circles, we have created a strong fabric of networking that helps nurture healthy children and strong families, and create positive early learning and baby-friendly communities.

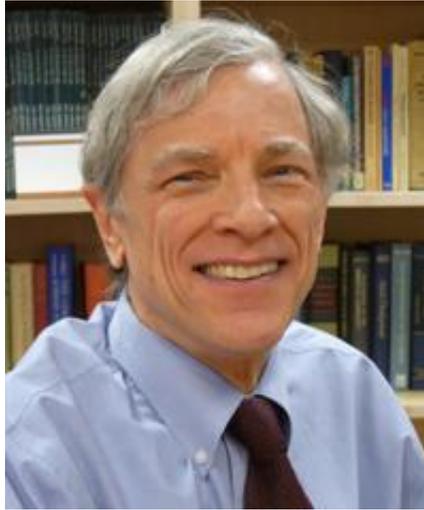
We will re-share New York Zero-to-Three Network's existing Mission Statement and Vision immediately below.

We appreciate the hard work that you are all doing on behalf of infants and young children, and look forward to an exciting year ahead!

Lorraine Chun and Joaniko Kohchi
Co-Presidents

Our Mission and Vision Statement

NYZTT Hedi Levenback Memorial Evening with a Pioneer



Join us on October 27th to celebrate and learn from our 2016 Levenback honoree, Dr. Theodore Gaensbauer. Dr. Gaensbauer has made enormous contributions to our understanding of infants and toddlers and their families. In his work on the impact and treatment of trauma in early childhood, he has emphasized the importance of helping children tell their stories. We will have an opportunity to hear more about his work on infants' emotional expression and regulation and the reciprocal relationship between the child and the caregiver. He will be interviewed by New York Zero-to-Three Network's board member, Dr. Suzi Tortora at the Bank Street School of Education. This is not an event to be missed! [Register](#) today!

Update on Paid Family Leave in New York State



Regulations for the recently passed paid family leave bill are currently being written in Albany. [A Better Balance](#) held a phone call with partners on September 15 to update us on what to expect next and what we can do to ensure that New York's paid family leave program is well designed when it rolls out on January 1, 2018. The law will provide up to 12 weeks of paid family leave.

We are urged to watch for the first public comment period on overall program regulations and make comments within about 45 days. A major concern is that regulations will be weakened or rolled back by business interests. Better Balance will review the proposed regulations and distribute appropriate templates to help us both to speak up and to mobilize other groups. More detailed regulations concerning the insurance mechanics and how they will work with the Temporary Disability Insurance system will follow in 2017.

The call also reviewed results of A Better Balance survey of campaign partners on what strategies were most effective in getting this legislation passed. Call-in days and public lobby days got the highest rating as well as clarity of the campaign goals and frequency of updates. Other highly rated tactics were the many opportunities for coalitions to be involved and put positive pressure on the Governor's office. Suggestions for the future include more outreach to constituencies and increasing involvement.

A Better Balance will be focusing on public education and awareness of paid family leave in the coming year as the regulations roll out. For more information on the legislation [click here](#).

Visit the [Better Balance](#) website to join its mailing list, obtain more information about other women's economic agenda issues, and learn how you can take action.

Infancy Leadership Circle Highlights

Suffolk County Infancy Leadership Circle shared the Spanish version of 'Parenting: Is It What You Expected?' with local community organizations. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 25th from 1:30-3:00. Every Child Matters on Long Island will be presenting 'Your Voice Matters: Inspiring Advocacy For Children and Families'. For information contact Susan.Rabinowicz@stonybrook.edu.

The Syracuse Infancy Leadership Circle will welcome NYZTT Co-President Joaniko Kohchi, MPhil, LCSW, for an evening of discussion on October 23, 2016, with ILC members and partners in the 0-3 Circle and the Early Childhood Alliance.

Media Highlights

1. [The Medical Home and Head Start are working together to ensure medical and social needs. National Center on Early Childhood Health and Wellness](#)
2. [CLASP: Final Rule Implementing CCDBG Act of 2014](#)
3. [2015 Census Data on Poverty](#)

4. [Where Good Ideas Come From: Creativity & Innovation](#)

5. [Do Early Educators' Implicit Biases Regarding Sex and Race Relate to Behavior Expectations and Recommendations of Preschool Expulsions and Suspensions? Research Brief. New Haven, CT: Yale University Child Study Center.](#)

Fellowships and Grants

[Health Foundation of Western and Central New York Health Leadership Fellow](#)

[Doris Duke Fellowship for the Promotion of Child Wellbeing](#)

[Elizabeth Munsterberg Koppitz Child Psychology Graduate Student Fellowship](#)

[John and Polly Sparks Early Career Grant for Psychologists Investigating Serious Emotional Disturbance \(SED\)](#)



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