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# New York Zero-to-Three Network

Fostering collaboration among those who work with babies, toddlers and their families

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## POLICY NEWS:

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[The Importance of Play in Promoting Health Child Development and Maintaining Strong Parent-Child Bond: Focus on Children in Poverty](#)

New Report on ECE Funding in NY State: [Early Childhood Education: Frozen Funding Leads to Cracks in the Foundation](#)

Citizen Committee for Children of NY: [New York City Children's Mental Health: Prevalence and Gap Analysis of Treatment Slot Capacity](#)

Greetings from the New York Zero-to-Three Network! This newsletter is part of our [Infancy Leadership Circle Project](#) to foster and develop early childhood leaders focused on the first three years of life in New York State. Please share the newsletter with a colleague.

If you have a suggestion for a topic for us to cover in a future issue, please let us know. You can email us at [newsletter@nyzerotothree.org](mailto:newsletter@nyzerotothree.org).

## News

### Nassau County

Through the efforts of the Nassau County Best Practices for the Treatment of Perinatal Mood Disorders Task Force, an Electronic Resource Manual is now available. The materials and information presented include:

- Parent Information
- Professional Resources
- Appendices

Says Sandy Wolkoff, maternal depression expert in Nassau County: "this electronic manual is a step towards making sure that best practice guidelines can be used in many different contexts, programs, and services in Nassau County and assure pregnant women, new mothers and their families, that good care will be available to them."

[Nassau County Best Practices for the Treatment of Perinatal Mood Disorders Resource Manual...](#)

## What the Definition of Autism means from different perspectives:

Read the January 20th press release from the [American Psychiatric Association](#)

Read The New York Times article, "[New Definition of Autism Will Exclude Many, Study Suggests](#)"

Zero to Three: [State Baby Facts](#) and [Maximizing Partnerships](#)

New York City Council Member Mark S. Weprin released a statement on January 26th, Redefining Autism. [Click to read his statement](#)



## Upcoming Events

### Become a member of NYZTT today!

We are a membership organization and need members' dues to continue to support professionals who work with infants, toddlers and their families.

If you are a current member:

**THANKS!**

if you are not--perhaps you might consider becoming a member this year?

[Click here](#) for more information on becoming a member today.

Save the date for our **Annual Spring Conference** featuring **Howard and Miriam Steele**: **Holding Babies in Mind-Using: Reflexive Function to Transform Trauma and Build Relationships**  
Friday, May 4, 2012  
8:30 am-3 pm

Click [HERE](#) to see full Calendar of events

#### [QualitystarsNY Readiness Workshop](#)

Wednesday February 22, 2012 from 6:30 PM to 8:30 PM EST  
Child Care Resource Network

#### [QualitystarsNY Readiness Workshop](#)

Saturday February 25, 2012 from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM EST  
Niagara University

#### [Infancy Leadership Circle-Erie County Meeting](#)

Tuesday February 28, 2012 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM EST  
Child Care Resource Network

#### [New York City Infancy Leadership Circle](#)

Tuesday March 6, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM EST  
Informal gathering of professionals and non-professionals interested in promoting the importance of infant and toddler services and needs in the New York City Area  
Center for Children's Initiatives

#### [Clinical Roundtable. Maternal Depression](#)

Wednesday March 14, 2012 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM EDT  
Next in our series of Clinical Roundtable: Please join us for our Clinical Roundtable on Wednesday, March 14 at 6pm on the topic of Maternal Depression and how to identify the signs in both mothers and children featuring NYZTT Board Member Sandy Wolkoff, LCSW MATERNAL DEPRESSION AND ITS IMPACT  
Ackerman Institute for the Family

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