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## New York Zero-to-Three Network

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

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#### HIGHLIGHTED REPORTS AND MEDIA COVERAGE

Harvard School of Public Health: The Forum  
Watch On-Demand Webcasts  
[The Toxic Stress of Early Childhood Adversity](#)

Early Intervention:  
Percentage Eligible vs Served  
[Article in Journal of Pediatrics](#)

The Littlest Victims:  
[Protecting Babies From Abuse and Neglect](#)

### Conferences around the State

Spring time is conference time!

There are many upcoming

## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

FULL CALENDAR [CLICK HERE](#)

#### STRENGTHENING FAMILIES LEADERSHIP FORUM

Join the [Stronger Families NY Coalition](#) at a Leadership Forum on **Thurs., January 31**, at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel, Poughkeepsie, NY from 10-4. Fee is \$45 and includes lunch.

The goal for the day is to craft an agenda to strengthen families in NYS. Keynote speaker Joe Jones, founder of the Center for Urban Families, will lead off morning panels on national perspectives and community progress in strengthening families.

**Dr. Liz Isakson**, NYZTT board member and co-director of [DOCS FOR TOTS](#) will be among the featured panelists. Afternoon discussion breakouts will have sessions on parents and their developing child, financial empowerment, barriers to economic success, fatherhood and healthy relationships, and philanthropy. For more information and to register [CLICK HERE](#)

#### NYZTT ROUNDTABLE:

##### THE PRISON MOTHERS OF BEDFORD FILM SCREENING

**February 4, Monday, 6:00-8:30 PM**

Jenifer McShane (Director), Barbara Blanchard-Lewis, JD & Mary Byrne, NP, MPH, PhD will be in attendance for a post-screening panel and discussion.

To register, please [CLICK HERE](#).

#### INSTITUTE FOR PARENTING @ Adelphi

##### THE CLINICAL ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT OF PRESCHOOL MOOD DISORDERS

**February 8th, Friday, 9:00am- 4:00pm**

Joan Luby, MD will discuss the the assessment of mood disorders in preschool children including incorporation how life-changing events (like Hurricane Sandy) impact young children who have been diagnosed with mood disorders as well as children presenting with new symptoms after such events.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

#### NYZTT ROUNDTABLE - SAVE THE DATE

**Using Video Review in Work with Parents and Young Children**

**February 26, Tuesday, 6:00-8:00pm**

Martha Edwards, Ph.D. Barbara Russek, Ph.D. & Yolanda Martinez, MSW will discuss their intervention using video review that was

conferences around the state for professionals working with young children and their families across multiple disciplines. Below is a brief list - if your organization has a conference to add to the list please send information to: [newsletter@nyzerotothree.org](mailto:newsletter@nyzerotothree.org)

We have included "call for abstracts" where applicable.

[Stronger Families NY](#), January 31, Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel

[Prevent Child Abuse NY](#) April 15-17, Albany Marriott

[Parent-Child Home Program - May 20 & 21, Uniondale, NY](#)  
[SUBMIT A PROPOSAL for this conference.](#)

Infant-Toddler Forum on Parent Engagement, Thurs., April 4, and [NYAEYC Annual Conference](#), April 4-6, Verona, NY

NYS Infant and Toddler Conference on Touchpoints, April 13, SUNY Cobleskill

NYZTT Annual Conference, May 3, Conference Center, NYC

developed at the Center for the Developing Child and Family at the Ackerman Institute as part of the Bright Beginnings Parent-Child Program intervention for families with infants and toddlers.

## Newborn Screening: What Every 0-3 Practitioner Wants to Know

Public Health Law 2500-a requires that all newborns be screened for genetic, metabolic, blood, hormone related and infectious disorders. In New York State the Newborn Screening Program screens for over 40 conditions including: endocrine disorders, amino acid disorders, fatty acid oxidation disorders, sickle cell disease, cystic fibrosis, PKU, and HIV.

Most commonly a blood sample is drawn on the second day of life before the newborn is discharged from the hospital, at no cost to the family. The purpose of newborn screening is to identify those children who are at increased risk for rare disorders that left undetected would result in neurological and developmental delays. For many of these diseases the newborn's life is at risk without immediate intervention. Quite often no visible signs are present at birth, and are only identified with a laboratory test.

Follow up and intervention are vital to those children that have been identified with a disorder. For some children repeat blood tests are crucial for proper health care. Families often require support in navigating the healthcare system and obtaining the supports necessary for their child and themselves during a potentially stressful and critical time. Ensuring that a family follows up with their child's primary care physician and specialists in a timely manner is of the utmost importance. Many of these disorders are not curable but treatable with resulting improved health and well-being.

Knowledge is a powerful tool. Empowering families with the resources that support their abilities to parent a child with medical/health needs is a tenant of family centered care. Below are links to sites that provide information for both professionals and families. Please share them widely!

- [\*\*National Newborn Screening and Genetics Resource Center\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Wadsworth Center: New York State Department of Health Newborn Screening Program; Disorders Identified\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Support and Advocacy Groups\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Family Brochure\*\*](#)
- [\*\*Newborn Screening in New York State: A Guide\*\*](#)



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