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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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## CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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April 4th- Infant-Toddler Forum at the [NYSAEYC Meeting](#), Verona, NY , 1-5 pm featuring a panel on Family Engagement and regional discussions. Cosponsored by Early Care and Learning Council, New York Zero-to-Three Network and NYS Council on Children and Families. RSVP to [Evelyn Efinger](#), NYS Infant-Toddler Coordinator.

April 13th -[2nd Annual Early Childhood Conference: Tending Tiny Roots: Touchpoints & Supporting Relationships](#) , 9:00am-4:00pm, SUNY Cobleskill, with Jayne Singer of the Brazelton Touchpoints Center and workshops by regional infant-toddler experts.

April 15-17th- [NY State Child Abuse Prevention Conference](#) ILC will be featured during a session on Tuesday 16th 1:45-3:15 (Workshop D8)

May 3rd- [New York Zero-to-Three Network Annual Spring Conference Home Visiting and Community Based Interventions](#), with Dr. Arietta Slade and Cesar Zuniga (REGISTRATION will be available soon!)

Want to add your event to our calendar? email [newsletter@nyztt.org](mailto:newsletter@nyztt.org)

## Packed Audience Sees Film "Mothers of Bedford" at NYZTT Event

Many parents find it hard to imagine being away from their child for a week. Imagine being separated for 10 or 20 years? New York Zero-to-Three Network explored this question at a screening of the 2011 film [Mothers of Bedford](#) to a packed audience in February.

The film explores the effects of a long-term prison sentence on the mother-child relationship through the struggles and joys of five women incarcerated at the [Bedford Hills Correctional Facility](#) in Westchester County. These mothers experienced the normal frustrations of parenting as well as the surreal experiences of celebrating their child's first birthday party and mother's day inside the prison cell where they live.

The expertise and experience of the following panel of experts made

[Postpartum Anxiety and Maternal-Infant Health Outcomes](#)

ZERO TO THREE:  
[2013 Federal Policy Agenda](#)

Center on the Developing Child:

[New\\* Mapping Brain Connectivity](#)

Virtual Birth to Three Institute: [on-line professional development](#)

CORRECTION:

[Dr. T Berry BRAZELTON](#) was awarded the Presidential Citizens Award. Dr. Brazelton's name in the February newsletter was incorrect. Please pardon our mistake.

Join our Linked-In Discussion Group

New York Zero-to-Three Network has a [LinkedIn discussion group](#).

This week we have been discussing the [Commonwealth Fund's Health Systems Data Center](#) where it shows that in 2011 New York State ranked 49/51 in providing standardized developmental screenings in health care settings for children age 10 months - 5 years.

for an informative and interactive question and answer period:

**Barbara Blanchard-Lewis**, Senior Staff Associate at [Center for Children and Families](#), Columbia University School of Nursing. She was formerly Director and Nursery Supervisor at Bedford and continues as a consultant for program development.

**Mary Byrne** is the Stone Foundation and Elise D. Fish Professor of Clinical Health Care for the Underserved at Columbia University School of Nursing.

**Liz Hamilton and Mary Boswick** currently run the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility prison nursery.

**Jenifer McShane** is the film's director-producer.

***Mothers of Bedford*** will be screened and discussed on Wednesday, May 8, from 10 am-1 pm at the [Westchester Institute for Human Development](#) in Valhalla, NY. The discussion will be lead by Bobby Blanchard-Lewis & Jenifer McShane. This free screening is sponsored by Westchester's Integrated Services Planning 0-5 Network. For further information and reservations, contact [Basia Kinglake](#), Coordinator Westchester County Dept of Community Mental Health.

## NYS Infant Mental Health Mini-Grants Awarded

As mentioned in last month's newsletter, early childhood professionals from across the state gathered in Albany at an Infant Mental Health Summit. The event brought together a variety of professionals who work with young children and their families. The idea was to explore what could be done to stop children from falling into the cracks between service systems. Conversations were had, connections were made, and now, new partners are working together to help young children.

The Summit, organized by the Early Care & Learning Council along with the NYS Council on Children and Families, the New York State Office of Mental Health and the Bureau of Early Intervention at the New York State Department of Health, brought together mental health, early education and early intervention professionals. They were challenged to work with colleagues from their own communities and invited to apply for mini grants to fund implementation of their ideas.

As a result, 32 proposals were submitted. "These grants were exceptional and innovative," says [Evelyn Efinger](#), the state's Infant-Toddler Coordinator. "But with a funding limit of \$17,000," she explained, "we could only select 13 grantees." The grants run from March-July.

Six of the grants went to form or enhance the work of individual [Infancy Leadership Circles](#) catalyzed by New York Zero-to-Three Network in the following counties: Cattaraugus, Erie, Niagara, Rockland, Nassau, and Suffolk. To form or connect to an Infancy Leadership Circle in your area, contact [Jackie Jones or Carole Oshinsky](#).



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The mini-grants are funded by the NYS Council on Children and Families and managed by the Early Care & Learning Council.

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