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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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NYC DADS Matter Awards 2013 - Nominate a Dad Today

Ten fathers from across NYC who have overcome challenges to become positive and consistent forces in the lives of their children will receive awards for the 3rd year in a row. Wouldn't it be great to see a dad of a young child win?

[NOMINATION FORM HERE](#)

Submit nominations of dads you know by Friday, April 26th: nycdadsmatter@cityhall.nyc.gov

Lesley Koplow Named Winner of the Emily Fenischel Award

Join us on May 3rd at the Annual NYZTT Network Conference as we present the 7th annual Emily Fenischel award to [Lesley Koplow](#), Director of Emotionally Responsive Practice at Bank

CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

FULL CALENDAR [CLICK HERE](#)

May 1

[Rockland County Infancy Leadership Circle, Inaugural Breakfast Meeting, 8:30am-11am](#)

May 3

[New York Zero-to-Three Network Annual Spring Conference: Home Visiting and Community Based Interventions.](#)

with Arietta Slade and Cesar Zuniga , 8:30am-4pm

May 8

[Mothers of Bedford Film Showing](#), Westchester Institute for Child Development, Valhalla, NY 9am-12pm

May 10

[Narrative Family Attachment Therapy](#) with Michael Trout, Adelphi University Parenting Institute, Garden City, NY 9am-4pm

May 20-21

[The Parent-Child Home Annual National Conference](#) - Uniondale, NY
Join the Infancy Leadership Circle Workshop with Carole Oshinsky, Sue Rabinowitz, and Liz Isakson on Tuesday May 21 from 11am-12.30pm.

Want to add your event to our calendar? Email newsletter@nyztt.org

First Long Island Infancy Leadership Meeting Held Stonybrook University hosts

The inaugural meeting of the Greater Suffolk County Infancy Leadership Circle was held on February 19, 2013 at Stony Brook University's Research and Movement Performance Laboratory. The 16 attendees were representative of the variety of individuals concerned with insuring a healthy start for the birth to three population. Among the participants were individuals from child care, early intervention, early education, parenting education, primary health care, family support, community development, libraries and physical therapy from a variety of locations in Suffolk County, including pediatricians at Stony Brook University Hospital. The group expressed their interest in collaborating together and meeting monthly to network with one another.

The collaboration results were immediate: the group was

Street.



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

NY Times:
[The Power of Talking to Your Baby](#)

[Investments in Education May Be Misdirected](#)

Wall Street Journal:
[A Preschool Program Conservatives Can Love](#)

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awarded an Infant Mental Health Grant from the NYS Council on Children and Families. The group's goals are to: 1) create an Infancy Leadership Circle within Suffolk County, 2) identify systems issues and existing resources for families that support early childhood social-emotional development and concerns, and 3) develop a comprehensive guide to help families and professionals find mental health resources and services.

Enthusiasm of the group's members is evident by the increasing number of attendees for both the 2nd and 3rd meetings. We invite anyone interested in learning more about the work of The Greater Suffolk County Infancy Leadership Circle to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 from 12-2:30pm at the Suffolk County Department of Health, 50 Laser Court, Hauppauge, N.Y. 11788. The May meeting will be hosted by Ellen Ellis, Director, Division of Services for Children with Special Needs, 631-853-2296, ellen.ellis@suffolkcountyny.gov. Lunch will be provided.

New Infancy Leadership Circles have also begun in Nassau County, Rockland County, Chautauq County and Cattaraugus County. For further information about the Suffolk group or other Infancy Leadership Circles around the state, please contact Carole Oshinsky or Jackie Jones, co-directors, at infancycirclenys@nyztt.org.

NYZTT Annual Conference - Program Highlights

Our 17th annual conference on May 3rd will focus on Home Visiting and Community-Based Interventions for young children and their families.

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Keynote speakers:

Arietta Slade and Cesar Zuniga will focus on home-based interventions that strengthen parenting skills and enhance reflective function by engaging parents and their young children through play and discussion, particularly:

- Minding the Baby®, an interdisciplinary home-based intervention aimed at helping parents whose lives have been disrupted by trauma, abandonment, or loss
- Parent-Child Home Program, especially for immigrant populations

7th Annual Emily Fenichel Leadership Award presentation

This year's winner is Leslie Koplów of Bank Street College.

Networking Luncheon

Opportunity to meet and share ideas with colleagues at the Conference Center.

Breakout sessions

- Arietta Slade (Enhancing Reflective Functioning: What it Looks Like in the Moment)
- Gerry Costa and Kaitlin Mulcahy (Keeping Babies in Mind)
- Nancy Tarshis and Debbie Meringolo (Young Children with Social Cognitive...)
- Greta L. Doctoroff (Vulnerable Babies, Vulnerable Parents: Parenting in the NICU and Beyond)
- Joanne Loeb and Emily Fried (The Power of Special Playtime...)
- Ken Kessel (Supporting Normative Environments...)

NEW - Poster session

The conference poster session will feature research and program ideas from both experienced practitioners and students. Poster sessions are a wonderful way to foster communication among attendees while highlighting innovative work.

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