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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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NYZTT Events:

- Thur. Jun 19: Breakfast with [Joan Lombardi](#), EC Policy Guru, at [NYZTT Annual Meeting](#), 8-10 am, 25 West 43rd Street, NYC. Register [here](#)

Conferences:

Fri., Jun 13: [Family Matters: Building resilience for children experiencing toxic stress](#), 8:30am-1:30pm. University Settlement, 184 Eldridge St., NYC

Tues-Thur, June 17-19: [Bank Street 3-Day Institute](#) on early childhood, 610 West 112 St., NYC

Webinars:

Thurs., June 5: Webinar: Infant, Toddler & Early childhood Mental Health Competencies [National Zero to Three](#)

## New Standardized Language Shifts Measurement from Diagnosis to Functioning

By Susan Rabinowicz

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The *International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health for Children and Youth* (ICF-CY) is the first unifying framework to describe the effects of environmental factors on a child's functioning (Ellingsen, 2011). It reflects the contemporary notion that disability is viewed as a product of the person and their environment. The ICF-CY shifts the unit of classification from the child's diagnosis to functional characteristics of the child.

Early child development (ECD) has a significant influence on a child's path to independence and participation as a contributing member of society. The contributing determinants of ECD include biological, personal and environmental factors. Framing ECD as both an individual and social experience enables clinicians, researchers and policy makers to explore a diverse range of interventions and strategies to mediate a child's developmental trajectory. The interdisciplinary workforce that supports ECD brings with it a variety of languages, professional jargon and individual theories to guide practice. Collaboration among the distinct professionals and families is vital to the planning of treatment and service recommendations that will support the child on their path of achieving functional gains. The ICF-CY emphasizes the importance of identifying environmental barriers and facilitators to functioning and performance.

The ICF-CY, as a biopsychosocial model brings into focus a child's level of functioning, daily activity and participation. Furthermore the ICF-CY emphasizes the bidirectional influences of environmental, personal, functional, health, participation and activity factors. Implementation of the ICF-CY has met with some challenges. Several authors in the field (Coster & Khetani, 2008, Moretti, Alves & Maxwell, 2012) discuss the need for measurement tools and further clarification of the meaning of participation. Despite its challenges the ICF-CY has the potential for enabling colleagues to effectively communicate the functional characteristics of a child from an integrated and holistic approach, unrelated to a diagnosis. Professionals in the field of ECD have an opportunity to advance the implementation of the ICF-CY through continued research and field work. According to Dr. Margaret Giannini, Director of the Office of Disability, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the publication of the ICF-CY by the World Health Organization (WHO) provides for the first time a standard language to unify

Wed., Jun 11: 3-4:30pm: 2014 Webinar Series - [Building Trauma-Informed Services for Children, Youth, and Parents Impacted by Domestic Violence](#).

National Center on Domestic Violence, Trauma & Mental Health (NCDVTMH). 10-part series.

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#### MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

Urban Institute: [Supporting Immigrant Families](#)

[Intergenerational Family Connections: The Relationships that Support a Strong America](#)

[Access to High Quality Early Care and Education: Readiness and Opportunity Gaps in America](#)

Thousands of Toddlers Are Medicated for A.D.H.D., Report Finds, Raising Worries. [New York Times](#), May 1, 2014

Pathways from teacher depression and child-care quality to child behavioral problems. [Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology](#), Vol 82(2), Apr 2014, 225-235

Inequities in access to quality early care and education: Associations with funding and community context. [Early Childhood Research Quarterly](#).

health, education and social services for children.

#### Resources:

[World Health Organization \(WHO\)](#)

[ICF-CY: A universal tool for practice policy and research](#)

[American Speech-Language-Hearing Association](#)

[The International Classification of Function](#)

#### References:

Coster, W., & Khetani, M. (2008). Measuring participation of children with disabilities: issues and challenges. *Disability and Rehabilitation* 30(8) pp 639-648

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## INFANCY LEADERSHIP CIRCLE HIGHLIGHTS

NYZTT has been building a network of Infancy Leadership Circles (ILC) to be the communications pipeline for the infancy movement in New York State. In addition to local groups in 11 locations covering 14 counties around the state, the ILC reach out to related groups and coalitions. The ILC also hosts a bimonthly statewide call of early childhood leaders to discuss common challenges and strategies. To join or start an ILC and learn more, contact [Jackie Jones and Carole Oshinsky](#), co-directors.

#### Recent General Activities:

- The May statewide call featured Dr. Liz Isakson, co-director of DOCS for TOTS, talking about the intersection of health and early childhood care and education.
- ILC leaders presented workshops/posters at a number of conferences this spring:
  - Infant-Toddler Forum
  - NYS AEYC meetings
  - Prevent Child Abuse NY meeting
  - NYZTT annual conference

#### Cattaraugus County ILC:

- New focus on breast feeding promotion

Infant, Toddler, and Early Childhood Mental Health Competencies: [Erikson Institute](#)

## ILC SELECTED RESOURCES

- [ILC 20011-2013: Building on Our Success](#)
- [ILC How to Guidelines](#)
- [ILC Brochure](#)
- [Niagara County](#)
- [Resource Directory for New Parents](#)
- [Recipes for Playbook](#)
- [I Taught My Child Today messages](#)

Click [here](#) for additional resources.

- Planning application for Early Health Start Child Care Partnerships RFP

### Chautauqua County ILC:

- Distributing flyers to legally exempt child care providers
- Working on information new mothers receive in hospital

### DOCS Counties ILC:

- Planning meeting in June to discuss new action plan

### Erie County ILC:

- Having speakers on obesity, exercise and wellness
- Planning to develop list of local exercise opportunities for young children

### Niagara County ILC:

- Created [cover letter](#) and 4 fact sheets for legally exempt family child care
- Distributing in county and on [NYZTT web site](#)
- Topics include [immunization](#), [lead screening](#), [developmental screening](#), [eco-healthy child care centers and homes](#)

### New York City

- Held successful April meeting.
- Setting date for June meeting.

### New York City-East Harlem 0-5 Network

- Setting meeting for June

### Rockland County ILC

- New Parent packets for Better Baby Campaign almost complete
- Discussing best distribution

### Suffolk County ILC

- Booklet of local agencies with Mental Health Focus for Infants in process

### Tompkins County:

- Received Share the Care grant from national Zero to Three

### Westchester ISP 0-5 Group:

- Planning meeting on issue of guns and child safety.

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