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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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July 8, 2-2:30 pm- Virtual Rally4Children on YouTube. To call attention to the significant unmet needs of young children in low-income families, national organizations including ZERO TO THREE and CLASP and concerned individuals around the country are rallying around infants and toddlers to support the expansion of high-quality learning experiences, including child care, Early Head Start, early intervention, and home visiting. Event includes online petition and virtual rally. [Click here](#) for details.

July 18, Jamestown, NY: Chautauqua Children's Community Collaboration Forum. Forum on collaboration and networking, co-sponsored by LEICC, Connections, Inc., and the ILC, Chautauqua.

STATE POLICY UPDATES



April 13 Declared Infant-Toddler Day in New York State

From left above: Gail Wentworth, Chair, Early Childhood Department, SUNY Cobleskill, State Assemblymen Peter Lopez of Schoharie County, and Sarah Gould, Greater Capital District Infant Toddler Specialist inaugurating April 13 as the annual Infant and Toddler Day at the SUNY Cobleskill Conference on Touchpoints sponsored by the DOCS Infant and Toddler Leadership Circle and the college.

June 13 Task Force to Address Social-Emotional Development in NYS Early Intervention Program

In an effort to address the important domain of social-emotional development, a presentation on Infant Mental Health was made to the Early Intervention Coordinating Council (EICC) at its June meeting. This presentation was a joint effort between members of both the EICC and the Early Childhood Advisory Council (ECAC). As a result, the Department of Health agreed to create a joint EICC/ECAC Task Force to develop guidance to address ways to improve social emotional assessment and intervention in the NYS Early Intervention Program.

June 25 NYS Legislation on Notification of Child Care Subsidy Changes

The NYS Legislature has passed bills giving parents and providers 60 days notice to prepare for the loss of child care subsidies when eligibility levels are lowered or when co-payments are increased.

Thank your local [legislators](#) and urge [Governor Cuomo](#) to sign the bills.

NYZTT AWARDS

This year at its annual conference in May, NYZTT presented an award for community service and the Emily Fenichel Memorial Award for Leadership. The new community service award honored three New York City leaders who together were critical

July 31, Olean, NY: All-day training on Infant Attachment Therapy with Dr. Arthur Becker-Weidman of the Center for Family Development.

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



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

Urban Institute: [Depression in Low-income Mothers of Young Children](#)

Center on the Developing Child: [Building Adult Capabilities to Improve Child Outcomes](#)

American Academy of Pediatrics recommend motor skills assessment: [Motor Delays: Early Identification and Evaluation](#)

ILC SELECTED RESOURCES

- [ILC 2011-2013: 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.

in establishing and maintaining mental health services for children under age 5.

Susan Chinitz presented NYZTT's first Community Service Award to present and former NYC Council members Oliver Koppel and NYCHA Commissioner Margarita Lopez, and Koppel's former Chief of Staff Jamin Sewell, for their dedicated work on the Children Under Five Mental Health Initiative, the first and only government source of funding for infant and early childhood mental health services and supports now reaching children in every borough of NYC.



From left: Priscilla Lincoln, NYZTT Co-president, Jamin Sewell, former Chief of Staff to Councilman Oliver Koppel who took care of the details, Susan Chinitz, NYZTT board member, NYCHA Commissioner Margarita Lopez who started the initiative, Councilman Koppel who maintained it, and NYZTT co-president Evelyn Blanck.



From left: Hillary Mayers, Leslie Koplou, and Priscilla Lincoln

NYZTT Co-president Priscilla Lincoln presented Leslie Koplou, Director of the Center for Emotionally Responsive Practice at Bank Street College of Education, with NYZTT's 2013 Emily Fenichel Award for Leadership. Hillary Mayers, Co-Director Chances for Children, nominated Leslie for her tireless work as crusader for emotional responsive practice that supports the well-being and learning of young children.

INFANCY LEADERSHIP CIRCLE HIGHLIGHTS

NYZTT has been building a network of Infancy Leadership Circles to be the communications pipeline for the infancy movement in New York State.

Recent General Activities:

- Carole Oshinsky, Co-director presented workshop: *Creating an Infancy Leadership Circle in Your Community*, PCHP National Conference, Uniondale, NY on May 21. For slides, email [Carole](#)
- Jackie Jones, Co-director ILC, coached teachers at the University of Buffalo Child Care Centers one-on-one about [Continuity of Care](#) as part of an ongoing effort in local facilities in Buffalo.

Cattaraugus County ILC

- Initial planning meeting held in Olean at the YMCA.
- [July 31 All-day Training on Infant Attachment Therapy](#) with Dr. Arthur Becker-Weidman, founder of the [Center for Family Development](#) in Western New York and NYC. Dr. Becker-Weidman is an expert in the field.
- Working on assessing community resources, issues and priorities, and updating 211 listings

Chautauqua County ILC

- Co-hosting [Chautauqua's Community Collaboration Forum, July 18](#) in Jamestown, NY on collaboration
- Continuing community assessment in the area of Healthy Children
- Established priorities for Positive Early Learning including Children with Disabilities in April
- Using model from Niagara County, group is updating 211 system headings and listings.
- Next [meeting is Friday, Sept 27](#)

DOCS Counties ILC

- Organized a conference on the Brazelton Touchpoints with Jane Singer at SUNY Cobleskill that drew 190 attendees
- Released its [Recipes for Playbook](#) at the SUNY conference
- Inaugurated April 13 as Infant and Toddler Day in New York State

Erie County ILC

- Brainstormed about ideal mental health services for young children and resources for the Infancy Mental Health Committee
- Distributing 12 core messages beginning "[I Taught My Child Today...](#)" created by the group.
- Next steps: Translating the 12 core messages into 4 languages, Spanish, Arabic, Nepali and Burmese
- Updated the community assessment for Erie County with changes in services.
- Fall meetings start [Tuesday, Sept 24 at 12 noon](#)



Niagara County ILC

- On May 21, Beverly Lawler, RN of the Department of Health discussed immunizations for children and pregnant women
- Presented Niagara County 211 with the Circle's project for 2012-2013: the [Niagara County Resource Directory](#).
- Heard from the [Voices for Vaccines support group](#)
- Next [meeting on Tuesday, Sept 17](#) will establish goals for 2013-2014 action plan.

Rockland County ILC

- At first meeting in May, group excited to talk face-to-face and explore common challenges and strengths in the community
- Group is building on the popular [Better Baby Care Campaign](#) which created and distributed 10,000 new parent packets in the county several years ago.
- [July 19 meeting](#) will focus on updating resources in the Better Baby Care Campaign guide and setting longer-term goals.

Suffolk County ILC

- Group has defining infant mental health (IMH) and identifying local agencies that provide IMH services
- Creating a resource guide for the community
- Working to update services listings in Long Island 211 and the [HITE Health Information Tool for Empowerment database](#).
- [July 9 meeting](#) is in Stony Brook

Thompkins County ILC

- Plans being made for first meeting in September
- Co-organizers are the Early Recognition Specialist, the Family and Community Educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension and the Extension Issue Leader from Cooperative Extension as well as [Jackie Jones, co-director, NYZTT Infancy Leadership Circle](#)

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