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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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NYZTT ANNUAL APPEAL

The Network depends on donations to continue this important work. Your support of the Network's efforts will make a significant impact in expanding our reach; it will make a difference in the lives of infants and toddlers. We hope that you will become part of the circle of individuals who will play a role in implementing what science is now telling us is possible.

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CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

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Nov. 20, 6-8 pm: [Annual Levenbach Evening with a 0-3 pioneer](#), NY, NY

Dec. 4-5: [Sanctuary Network](#)

ANNUAL EVENING WITH A 0-3 PIONEER TO HONOR NANCY BALABAN

Please save Wednesday, November 20th, from 6-8 pm to join NYZTT Network for our Annual Hedi Levenback Memorial Evening to honor a pioneer in the field of Zero to Three.

This year's honoree is [Nancy Balaban, EdD.](#) long time distinguished early childhood teacher, author and researcher at Bank Street College, interviewed by [Virginia Casper, PhD.](#), Director of International Initiatives and Partnerships at Bank Street.

Each year NYZTT honors a local pioneer who has made a difference for young children and their families here in New York State. This festive evening includes an interview with the pioneer, opportunity to network and light refreshments.

The event will be held at the Jewish Board for Family and Children's Services, 135 West 50th Street, New York, NY. Watch your email for your invitation. To register click [here](#) or contact info@nyztt.org.

INFANCY LEADERSHIP CIRCLES TOPIC OF POSTER AT ZTT NATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

The work of New York State Infancy Leadership Circles (ILC) to advance policy and promote comprehensive services for infants and families has been selected as a poster presentation at the national ZERO TO THREES's annual training conference this year. Presented by physical therapist and Stony Brook University graduate student Susan Rabinowicz, a NYZTT board member, co-leader of the Suffolk County Infancy Leadership Circle, a member of the ILC Steering Committee, the poster session will be held December 11-14 in San Antonio, Texas.

"Our ILCs are a model of collaboration and knowledge sharing," says Ms. Rabinowicz. "At our circle meetings we see representatives of the multiple systems of care that are vital to the healthy development of all infants and families." The poster will show how ILCs bring together a broad array of professionals in local communities who work with infants and toddlers and their families to facilitate professional networking, development and communication. Central to the ILC mission is the support for healthy children, strong families and early learning. "These systems are interrelated," explains Ms. Rabinowicz, and "a disruption in one system effects the overall organization and success of the child as a whole."

Conference, White Plains, NY

Dec. 4, 7-8 pm: [NAEYC Webinar on Measuring Classroom Quality](#)

Jan. 7, NYZTT board member Dr. Martha Edwards will present at the Distinguished Speakers Series, Middle Country Library, Centereach, NY, on Social Emotional Development in Young Children

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



MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

Strong Start for America's Children Act Introduced in Senate and House:
[Read the bill summary](#)
[Sign the NAEYC Petition](#)
[Contact your representatives](#)

Study on baby's gaze and autism signs
[Attention to eyes is present but in decline in 2-6-month-old infants later diagnosed with autism](#)

Oklahoma as a model for early childhood social policy
[Oklahoma! Where the kids learn early](#)

ABC of Infant Toddler Policy
[Read National Zero To Three Guide to Acronyms](#)

Early Intervention:
[Read WBNY Testimony](#)

NYC Promotes Social Emotional Development in two new booklets:
[Enjoy your Baby](#)
[A Guide for Parents of One-to-Five Year Olds](#)

The poster will show how infancy leadership circles translate knowledge among the various stakeholders- key to advancing the field of early childhood development says Ms. Rabinowicz. ILCs disseminate an extensive body of research and knowledge that support early child development to parents, health professionals, educators, and policymakers. This transmission of knowledge has the potential to optimize a child's participation in their family and society. In addition the poster will demonstrate how ILCs aim to move local issues to the state level and disseminate state concerns to communities with the goal of advancing better policies and comprehensive services.

View the poster at NTI meeting and share your experiences with fellow colleagues on our [Facebook page](#), comment on our LinkedIn [discussion page](#), or send a tweet to @NYZTT.###

CONNECT WITH NYZTT ON SOCIAL MEDIA

The New York Zero-to-Three Network announces its presence on today's major social media networks-Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Pinterest. Communications Committee co-chair Lorraine Chun explains: "This is part of our long-term plan to encourage more participation by members and friends of NYZTT and welcome new colleagues."

Spearheaded by new NYZTT board members, the Communications Committee set goals for connectivity and disseminating information about early childhood at its recent meeting. Chief among them, says Ms. Chun, is maximizing the potential of social media as a forum for NYZTT to communicate with members and colleagues about events, activities, and current "hot" issues. Other goals include improving NYZTT's ability to release timely information about events, conferences, programs, journals, and honorees, sharing the expertise of NYZTT board members, keeping the NYZTT website timely, maintaining quality standards for what is posted, and keeping a regular schedule of communications to the field.

"To reach these goals," says Ms. Chun, "we have created a NYZTT [Facebook page](#) that we hope is attractive." NYZTT will use this Facebook page to post current events, upcoming conferences, links to its statewide calendar, announcements and the monthly NYZTT enews.

At the same, the NYZTT's LinkedIn discussion page is growing, with members added daily. Membership is open to all. Current topics include expanding behavioral health opportunities, new KIDS COUNT data, and recent research on autism and gaze differences in babies. Group members need only become a member of [LinkedIn](#), a free professional network service, and apply to join the [New York Zero-to-Three discussion group](#). Members receive an email whenever a new discussion thread is posted.

NYZTT has its own Twitter account as well: @NYZTT. Communications Committee member Joaniko Kohchi sent the first NYZTT tweet announcing the annual Levenback evening with a pioneer on Nov. 20. Tweets are short messages that contain up to 140 characters and can include links to web

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.

pages. To get NYZTT tweets, please open a free [Twitter account](#) and sign up to follow @NYZTT.

NYZTT is especially excited about its Pinterest page. "This is our newest venture," says Ms. Chun. She sees Pinterest as a visual bulletin board that is always ready on your desk top to remind you of good resources for professionals, parents and caregivers in the zero to three arena. Sign up for [Pinterest](#) and then follow the [NYZTT bulletin board](#).

The NYZTT Communications Committee is cochaired by Lorraine Chun and Carole Oshinsky. Members include Alanna Navitski, Susan Rabinowicz, Joaniko Kohchi, Margaret Sampson, and Natalie Brooks Wilson. To join this committee or get more information about NYZTT's communications activities, email [Lorraine](#).

INFANCY LEADERSHIP CIRCLES: JOIN ONE NOW!

NYZTT has been building a network of Infancy Leadership Circles (ILC) to be the communications pipeline for the infancy movement in New York State. ILC and affiliated groups are now operating in Brooklyn (Kings County), Cattaraugus County, Chautauqua County, Chenango County, Delaware County, East Harlem in New York City, Erie County, Nassau County, Niagara County, Otsego County, Rockland County, Schoharie County, Suffolk County, Thompsons County, and Westchester County.

- To join an existing circle or start a new one, please email [Carole Oshinsky and Jackie Jones, Co-directors](#)
- To view resources and more information about the ILCs, please visit our [web page](#)
- See the [NYZTT calendar](#) for upcoming meeting dates and locations

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