2026 LEARN CONFERENCE ROADMAP

As a ZERO TO THREE member, you get first look at everything the 2026 LEARN Conference has to offer. This guide is your roadmap to every session on the schedule, organized by session type, so you can see at a glance what's being offered, who's presenting and where your interests fit.

Inside, you'll find:

- Plenary and Keynote Sessions: Big-picture conversations that bring the full LEARN community together
- Leadership Labs: Three-part, practical sessions built for IECMH and ECE leaders
- Issue Intensives: Two-part deep dives into a single topic or issue
- Synergy Circles: Small-group, discussion-based sessions with rotating faculty
- Lecture Sessions: New research and emerging ideas, with time for Q&A
- Baby Talks: Rapid-fire talks and discussions
- Poster Presentations: Poster sessions throughout the conference covering a wide range of topics

Use this guide to map out your ideal conference experience before you arrive in Portland, Oregon, October 27–29, 2026. With this many sessions, speakers and perspectives in one place, there's no better way to plan your days and make the most of your time in the field's premier early childhood gathering.

Ready to reserve your spot? Register now to join us in Portland.

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PLENARY AND KEYNOTE SESSIONS

Plenary and Keynote Sessions bring the full LEARN Conference community together for inspiring, innovative, and engaging presentations (include introductory comments and special awards = 1 hour)

Keynote

Thursday October 29, 4 PM

The Cost of Showing Up Happy: Burnout and the Wisdom of Asking for Help
Speakers: Steve Burns

Wednesday, October 28

What Comes Into Focus When We Center Relationships? The Safe Babies Lens
Speakers: Darneshia Allen; Crystal Hallock; Delaney Jones

Seeing What Matters: Rethinking Development in Complex Times
Speakers: Cynthia García Coll

Thursday, October 29

Shaping AI Before It Shapes Them: Policy for the First Three Years
Speakers: Melissa Boteach; Dana Suskind

LEADERSHIP LABS

Leadership Labs are 3-part* focused, practical sessions designed specifically for IECMH and ECE leaders culminating in actionable plans (span 3 sequential breakout blocks = 3 hours total) *Ideally, learners participate in all 3 parts of a Leadership Lab, but each part may be taken as a "stand-alone" session

Wednesday, October 28

Executive Leadership: Calm Leadership in Anxious Systems: Reflective Practice for Executive Leaders

Speakers: Chris Amirault, PhD, Writer/Consultant

Thursday, October 29

Program and Service Leadership: Supporting Staff, Strengthening Systems: Reflective Leadership for Program and Service Administrators

Speakers: Noelle Hause, PhD, ZERO TO THREE; Shayla Winrow, Clinical Director, Sunbeam Family Services and Deborah Reno-Smith, Reflective Practice Mentor/Consultant, WestEd

ISSUE INTENSIVES

Issue Intensives are 2-part sessions that take a deep dive focus on a topic, process, or issue and explore ways to use and apply the content (span 2 sequential breakout blocks = 2 hours total) *Ideally, learners participate in both Issue Intensive sessions, but each part may be taken as a "stand-alone" session

Wednesday, October 28

Healing the Healers: Rethinking Self-Care and Addressing Burnout

Speakers: Nucha Isarowong, PhD, LICSW, IMH-E®, Barnard Center for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, University of Washington; Haruko Watanabe, MA, LMHC, IMH-E®, Cooper House and Carmen Rosa Noroña, LICSW, MSW, MSEd, IECMH-E®, Center for Excellence in Immigrant Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Boston Medical Center

The Power of Professional Networks: How Infant-Toddler Specialists Strengthen Workforce Quality

Speakers: Elizabeth Zinter, MSW, Department of Early Learning and Care; April Westermann, EdD, Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care and Maidie Rosengarden, EdD, Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care

The Sankofa IMH History Project: Revitalization for Individual and Collective Healing

Speakers: Eva Marie Shivers, JD, PhD, Indigo Cultural Center; Aditi Subramaniam, LMHC, R-DMT, IECMH-E®, Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and Natasha Pérez Byars, MS, MSW, LICSW, Indigo Cultural Center

Prioritizing Family Voice Through Attunement: Applying ERH concepts and FAN for Healthy Steps and Pediatric Providers

Speakers: Andrea Minor, MPA, & Sarah Eastburg, Erikson Institute and Diane Halberg, Hope Williams-Burt & Barbara Ivins, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital Oakland

Thursday, October 29

Tired, Triggered, and Still Trying? Addressing Moral Injury by Aligning Your Services With Your Values One Interaction at a Time

Speakers: Nat Nadha Vikitsreth, LCSW, Come Back to Care

The IECMH Diversity Collective: Transforming Awareness Into Action and National Movement-Building

Speakers: Eva Marie Shivers, JD, PhD, Indigo Cultural Center; Amittia Parker, PhD, LMSW, MPA, Georgetown University and Carmen Rosa Noroña, LICSW, MS.Ed., IECMH-E®, Center for Excellence in Immigrant Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Boston Medical Center

Leading with Abundance: Reframing Early Childhood Work from Scarcity to Sustainable Strength

Speakers: Angela Webster, MSW, IECMH-E®, Association of Infant Mental Health in TN (AIMHiTN)/Raising A Nonprofit; Jacquelyn Kleinedler, MFT, ECMH-E®, Nevada Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health and Denise McDrummond, MEd, IECMH-E®, Missouri Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

Relational Healing in Complex Systems: Fidelity as a Guide for Child-Parent Psychotherapy in Child Welfare

Speakers: Chandra Ghosh Ippen, PhD, Child Trauma Research Program at University of California, San Francisco & ZERO TO THREE Board of Directors; Lili Gray, MSSA, LCSW, RYT, Training and Consultation and Case Authors: Michelle Roy, PhD, IECMH-E©, WellPower and Jacqueline Jacobs Tynan, PsyD, Birch Psychology

Elevating the Voices of HealthySteps Families through Co-Creation and Innovation

Speakers: Dr. Melissa Buchholz, Assuring Better Child Health and Development; Rebecca Gartner, Colorado ABCD; Lael Coleman, Children's National Hospital; Shardé Pettis, PsyD, Children's National Hospital; Kara Van de Grift, Assuring Better Child Health and Development and Dr. Marta Genovez, Children's National Hospital

SYNERGY CIRCLES

Synergy Circles sessions feature three Circles (groups), each focused on the same overarching topic; they are discussion-based sessions that encourage idea exchanges and application considerations with faculty rotating Circles every 20 minutes (span 1 breakout block = 1 hour)

Wednesday, October 28

The Inner Child as Our Muse: Strengthening Trauma-Informed Practice in ECE/ECSE

Speakers: Darian White, University of North Carolina at Charlotte

Applications of Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP)

- **Implementation of Child-Parent Psychotherapy for Children on the Autism Spectrum**
  Speakers: Lauren D. Berkovits, PhD, University of Colorado School of Medicine/Children's Hospital Colorado
- **The Gifts and Challenges Navigating the Dual Roles of Child-Parent Psychotherapy Clinician and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultant**
  Speakers: Taylor Bowman, AMFT, Linda Mora, PhD & Sara Briseño Torres, LCSW, Instituto Familiar de la Raza
- **Applying CPP Core Concepts to Reflective Supervision**
  Speakers: Jody Manly, PhD & Alisa Hathaway, EdD, LCSW-R, Mt. Hope Family Center, University of Rochester

Parent Leadership, Well-being, and Relational Accountability

- **From Insight to Action: Increasing Protective Factors and Embracing Parent Leadership**
  Speakers: Arthur Argomaniz & Esther Hernandez, Center for the Study of Social Policy
- **Maternal Hope and Subjective Well-being as Promotive Factors for Social Emotional Development in Infants and Toddlers**
  Speakers: Amy E. Korsch, PhD, MSSA, LISW-S, Case Western Reserve University
- **"That's Not What I Meant": When Good Intentions Cause Harm and Other Lessons Learned**
  Speakers: Jesse Bernal, LMFT, IFECMHS, RPF II, HeartMind Collective and Desiree Yoro Yoo, LCSW, IFECMHS, RPM, WestEd

Workforce Pressures and Coaching Support Systems

- **The Real Cost of Quality: Compliance, Pressure, and Reality in Birth–5 Work**
  Speakers: Alethea Etinoff, The Business of Early Childhood Education®
- **Strengthening Coaching Systems for Early Childhood Leaders**
  Speakers: Natalia Ambrozek & Wendy Connell, MEd, McCormick Institute for Early Childhood
- **Curious and Compassionate Observation**
  Speakers: Jeanine Audet, Abby Morales & Ida Matuskova, Ellis Early Learning

Thursday, October 29

Emotional Attunement, Communication, and Repair in Practice

- **Honoring the Whole Child: Deepening Therapeutic Presence through Acceptance and Attunement**
  Speakers: Shannon Queiroga, MA, LPC, IECMH-E©, Changent; Denise Galford-Koeppel PMC, LMHC, RPT-S™, CEIS, Nurturing Connections and Dana Hillman-Sabato, LPC, RPT-S, PMH-C, IMHE®, Changent
- **Co-Regulation, Caregiver Attunement, and Effects of Screen Use in Early Childhood**
  Speakers: Dr. Tatiana Itosu, DSW, AMFT, Marissa Viramontes, LCSW & Lisa Prieto, LMFT, Victor Community Support Services
- **Beyond Tears: Supporting Young Children Through Grief, Family Disruption, and Non-Death Losses**
  Speakers: Annette Mendez, The Grief Comadre, LLC

Early Childhood Systems, Policy, and Learning Environments

- **Designing for Play: Integrating Playful Learning into Programs and Community Spaces**
  Speakers: Sarah Lytle PhD, Playful Learning Landscapes and Molly Scott, PhD, Temple University
- **Early Childhood Education for Infants and Toddlers in the US: State-by-State Data on Demand, Cost, Licensing, and Policies**
  Speakers: Laura Wagner, Urban Institute
- **Reimagining Leadership in Early Childhood Systems: A Collaborative Dialogue Inspired by the First 5 Leadership Institute**
  Speakers: Lilea Duran, First 5 Association of California

LECTURE SESSIONS

Lecture Sessions present new information or evolving understandings about a specific topic, process, or issue with Q&A incorporated (span 1 breakout block = 1 hour)

Wednesday, October 28

Data & the DC:0-5—Data as Story, Data as Gift

Speakers: Kimberly "Kiki" Fabian, MEd, James Bell Associates and Christine Cole, LICSW, IMHM-C® & Alex Busuito, PhD, ZERO TO THREE

The Rooted & Ready Safety Response Framework: Distinguishing Risk from Discomfort in Community and Home Visiting

Speakers: Erin Will, MS, CCC-SLP, Multnomah Early Childhood Program; Melissa Williams, MEd, IMH-E®, Multnomah Early Childhood Program and Hez Rinn, CSWA, Multnomah County Health Department

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation and Every Child Belongs

Speakers: Erin Kinavey-Wennerstrom, PhD, Oregon Infant Mental Health Association; Katrina Miller, LCSW, Department of Early Learning and Robin Hill-Dunbar, MS, The Ford Family Foundation

What Works for Families? Perspectives from Georgia and Oregon on Medicaid Funding for Infant and Maternal Mental Health

Speakers: Kimberly Gilsdorf, MBA, Perigee Fund; Katie Unger, MPH, Health Share of Oregon and Callan Wells, MS, IMH-E®, GEEARS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students

Air Quality Breakthroughs: What Caregivers Need to Know to Protect Babies, Toddlers and Their Families

Speakers: Hester Paul, Children's Environmental Health Network, Eco-Healthy Child Care® National Director and Kimberly Thai, Low Income Investment Fund

Building Meaningful Intergenerational Connections in Early Childhood

Speakers: Sarah Kern, MEd & Amy Lemieux, MA, All Seasons Preschool

Engaging Medicaid Partners: Multi-Level Strategies to Improve Maternal and Child Health

Speakers: Connie Preciado-Gonzalez, MA, AMFT, First 5 LA; Nicole A. Evans, MSW, MBA, Blue Shield of California Promise Health Plan and Cathy Mechsner, MBA, L.A. Care Health Plan

Envisioning and Actualizing a Child Welfare–Community Partnership Acting Together in the Best Interest of the Child

Speakers: Sherri L. Alderman, MD, MPH, IMHM-E®, FAAP, Portland State University and Kara Johansen, PsyD, ABPP, IMH-E®, PMH-C, Sundstrom Clinical Services

The Important Role of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Leaders in Successful Implementation of IECMH-C: Key Supports and Tools for Success

Speakers: Erin Kinavey Wennerstrom, Oregon Infant Mental Health Association; Sondra M. Stegenga, PhD, MS, OTR/L, University of Utah and Nichole Paradis, LMSW, IMH-E®, Oregon Infant Mental Health Association & Paradis Consulting

Medicaid's Gold-Standard Pediatric Benefit (EPSDT): State Opportunities to Strategically Tap Unrealized Potential for Young Children's Health

Speakers: Elisabeth Wright Burak, Georgetown University Center for Children and Families and Christine Jackson Cole, LICSW, IMH-E® & Alex Busuito, PhD, ZERO TO THREE

Child-Parent Psychotherapy in Child Welfare: Partnering with Courts to Support Young Children and Families

Speakers: Amy B Dickson, PsyD, LSUHSC

The Science of Family Engagement

Speakers: Suzanne Farris & Nikki Montgomery, MA, MEd, GPAC, Family Voices

Competency-Aligned Pathways and Credit for Prior Learning: An Innovative Model for Advancing the ECE Workforce

Speakers: Lisa Downey, McCormick Institute for Early Childhood

Scaffolding and Unifying Programs, Strategies, Priorities, Policy, and Practice Using an Infant/Child Human Rights Framework

Speakers: Sherri L. Alderman, MD, MPH, IMHM-E®, FAAP, Portland State University; Evandra Catherine, PhD, IMH-E®, Early Childhood Consultant and Elizabeth Martinez, LMSW, IMH-E®, New Mexico Association of Infant Mental Health

Universal Needs, Individual Variations—Applied to Fathers
Speakers: Nicholas Kasovac, MSOT, OTR/L, IMH-E®, TheDADProjects.com

Little Hearts, Big Losses: Enhancing Grief-Sensitive Care for Our Youngest Grievers
Speakers: Celeste Poe, PhD, PMH-C, Stanford School of Medicine

Wondering Before Responding: Practical Tools to Support Relationships in Reflective Supervision and Consultation
Speakers: Faith Eidson, LMSW, IECMH-E® & Katherine Rosenblum, PhD, ABPP, IMH-E®, Zero to Thrive at Michigan Medicine, University of Michigan

IECMH Assessment Practices Learning Collaborative: Curriculum Development and Preliminary Outcomes
Speakers: Mary Wise-Kriplani, MSW, LCSW, PhD, IMH-E®, Center for Child & Family Health Naomi Davis, PhD, Duke University and Crystal Pellom, MA, LCMHCS, Changent

Building and Sustaining High-Impact Interagency Partnerships to Promote Home Visiting
Speakers: Jennifer Evansbrook Laine, Julia Peralta & Sean Cavaghan, Yamhill Community Care Early Learning Hub

A Blueprint for Stronger Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems
Speakers: Dawn Stehle, DrPH, MPS, Hannah Johnson & Maggie Clark, MJ, ZERO TO THREE and Lance Till, MS, James Bell Associates

Healthy Babies Begin with Supported Mothers: Addressing Black Infant Disparities Through Maternal Mental Health Care
Speakers: Breea Wainwright, PMH-C, Chyna Hill, & Ebony Staten, AMFT, APCC, The Collective (Black Girls Mental Health Collective)

Thursday, October 29

Bridging the Gap: Aligning Medicaid and Early Intervention to Better Serve Infants and Toddlers
Speakers: Alexandra Parma, MPA, First 5 Center for Children's Policy; Elisabeth Wright Burak, MPP, MSW, Georgetown University Center for Children and Families and Christine Cole, LICSW, IMHM-C®, ZERO TO THREE

Breaking through for Babies
Speakers: Samantha Cadet, BA, Amanda Perez, MSW & Samantha Martin, MSW, ZERO TO THREE

Grief Beyond Borders: How Family Separation Shapes Latiné Children's Development and Attachment

Speakers: Rosario S. Williams, MA, LMFT, IFEC-MHS, Erika Alvarez, MA, LMFT, & Denise Torres, MS, LMFT, Child Care Resource Center

The Oregon Momnibus Story: Community-Driven Advocacy for Doulas and Perinatal Health

Speakers: Dana Hepper, Children's Institute; Sen. Lisa Reynolds, MD, Oregon Legislature and Dr. Roberta Suzette Hunte, Black Futures Initiative, Portland State University

Parents Have a Story to Tell: Key Findings from the ZERO TO THREE National Parent Survey

Speakers: Rebecca Parlakian, MAEd, ZERO TO THREE

Building Bridges for Babies: A Multi-State Policy Coalition Advancing IECMH in the Southeast

Speakers: Kerrie Schnake, MA, IMH-E® & Marcie Ownbey, MA, MS, SC Infant Mental Health Association and Callan Wells, MS, IMH-E®, GEERS: Georgia Early Education Alliance for Ready Students

Supporting Asian Parents of Young Children: Integrating Culture, Trauma, and Evidence-Based Practices

Speakers: Huiying Jessica Zhou Tull, MS, LPC, NCC, ADHD-CCSP, Be Well Family Counseling, LLC

Medicaid 'Win' for Infant–Early Childhood Mental Health

Speakers: Christine Jackson Cole, LICSW, IMHM-C®, ZERO TO THREE and Kimberly "Kiki" Fabian, MEd, James Bell Associates

Leading in Hard Spaces: Considering the Application of Reflective Practice Skills in Leadership Positions

Speakers: Alison D. Peak, LCSW, Allied Behavioral Health Solutions; Sherry Heller, PhD, National Center for Reflective Supervision and Practice, Tulane University and Rowena Mudiappa, LCSW, LCSW, IMH-E Mentor-Clinical ®, National Center for Child Traumatic Stress, National Center for Reflective Supervision and Practice

State Policy/System Strategies for Addressing Prenatal to Three Homelessness and Housing Instability

Speakers: Jamie Colvard, ZERO TO THREE

Holding on Through Uncertainty: Supporting Young Children Impacted by Immigration Trauma

Speakers: Dr. Vilma Reyes, University of California San Francisco Child Trauma Research Program; Carmen Rosa Noroña, LICSW, MS.Ed., IECMH-E®, Center for Excellence in Immigrant Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Boston Medical Center and Patricia Parada, Children's Hospital Los Angeles with University of Southern California

Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Diagnostic Trends

Speakers: Kimberly "Kiki" Fabian, EdM, James Bell Associates; Alissa C. Huth-Bocks, PhD, IMH-E®, Wayne State University and Catherine Wright, PsyD, LP, LPCC, Minnesota Department of Human Services

Let's Team Up! Strategies to Take Family Partnerships from Challenging to Collaborative

Speakers: Kristen McLeskey, MS, IMH-E® & Kelsey Henderson-Wasmund, Northwest Center Kids IMPACT

Building Neighborhoods: Reflecting, Connecting, and Supporting Educator Well-being through Community of Practice

Speakers: Emma Swift Lee, Fred Rogers Institute and Shellie Grooms, Shady Lane School

Documenting Impacts of Recent Federal Policy Changes on States, Communities, and Families with Babies

Speakers: Samantha (Sam) Melvin, PhD & Yelena Tsilker, ZERO TO THREE

Word Wonders: Tools to Spark Joyful Early Literacy Learning

Speakers: Rebecca Parlakian, MEd, ZERO TO THREE and Lucy Hart Paulson, EdD, CCC-SLP, Language Literacy Links, Inc.

Enhancing Primary Care's Role in Early Childhood Mental Health: From Screening to Services

Speakers: Colleen Reuland, MS, Oregon Pediatric Improvement Partnership; Andrew Riley, PhD, OHSU and Beth Mossman, MD, Hillsboro Pediatrics

Noticing, Responding, and Supporting: Sexual Abuse Concerns in Early Childhood

Speakers: Cassie Yackley, PsyD, Center for Trauma-Responsive Practice Change

From Vision to Action: State Leadership Advancing the Early Childhood Education Profession

Speakers: Shyrelle Eubanks, PhD, National Education Association; Lisa Downey, PhD, McCormick Institute for Early Childhood; and Casey Lafferty, New Mexico Early Childhood Education and Care Department

BABY TALKS

Baby Talks are rapid-paced sessions summarizing powerful ideas and teeing-up related questions or considerations for discussion (span 1 breakout block = 1 hour)

Wednesday, October 28

Brain Science and Early Development

- **Parenting on the Brain: What Neuroscience Really Says About the "Baby Brain" and How We Can Support Parent Cognitive Development**
  Speakers: Ally Butler, BFA & Jocilyn Brady, CSM, MPS, Bezos Family Foundation
- **Bridge Builders: Supporting Immigrant and Bilingual Families in Early Intervention Systems**
  Speakers: Catherine Lopez, MEd Candidate at Harvard Graduate School of Education

Advocacy and Systems Leadership

- **Why I Spoke Up and How You Can Too**
  Speakers: Amanda Perez, MSW, ZERO TO THREE
- **Building System Foundations: Oregon's Policy, Workforce, and Philanthropic Drivers of IECMH**
  Speakers: Ingrid Mari Anderson, EdD, Portland State University; Amy B. Chandler, MA, LPC, Oregon Health Authority and Robin Hill-Dunbar, MS, The Ford Family Foundation

Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) Research and Evaluation

- **Toward Scalable Dyadic Care: Shorter Durations of Child-Parent Psychotherapy Improves Child Mental Health Outcomes**
  Speakers: Alexandra D. W. Sullivan, PhD & Ann Chu, PhD, Child Trauma Research Program at the University of California, San Francisco
- **Provider Experiences Implementing Child-Parent Psychotherapy for Latin American Immigrant Families**
  Speakers: Yibin Yang & Ruth Paris, PhD, Boston University and Mihoko Maru, PhD, University of Hawaii Manoa

Thursday, October 29

Play, Exploration, and Executive Function

- **Let Them Try: Risky Play as a Foundation for Executive Function in the First Three Years**
  Speakers: Noelle Cook, MA, Teaching Strategies
- **Possibilities in Play: How Simple Toys Spark Big Learning**
  Speakers: Ana Lorena Carrasco, AVANCE-North Texas and Norma Vargas, Avance Inc.

Language, Communication, and Inclusive Interaction

- **Transforming Language and Literacy: The Impact of Dialogic Reading Intervention on Young Dual Language Learners**
  Speakers: Ekta Ghosh, PhD, University of Denver
- **The Vitality Advantage: Redefining Early Language Success**
  Speakers: TaVshea Smith, EdD, North Carolina Central University

Strengthening Professional Practice and Engagement

- **Make It Make Sense: Branding and Social Media**
  Speakers: Claire Selius & Suzy Tam, ZERO TO THREE
- **Reflective Practice: Nurturing Practitioner Growth in Early Intervention**
  Speakers: Kate Easton, EC:EEN & Maggie Dietrich PT, DPT, IMH-E©, Penfield Children's Center

POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Posters present a concise summary of research concepts, questions, studies, and/or findings; or the story of field knowledge, models, processes or other implementation projects, and/or lessons learned (displayed throughout the conference with live Q&A during the lunch break each day)

HealthySteps

Addressing Caregiver Mental Health in Pediatric Settings: Implementation Gaps and Opportunities Through Dyadic Services

Speakers: Meghan Carlsen Evans, PhD, Kathryn Margolis, PhD & Cheng Qian, PhD, UC San Francisco

Building Bridges for Dyadic Care: A Case Study on Scaling Collaborative Efforts in California's Primary Care Public Health Systems

Speakers: Cherie Falvey, Shay-Lee Perez, PsyD & Kathryn Margolis, PhD, UCSF Center for Advancing Dyadic Care in Pediatrics

Building Synergy Beyond Silos: An Integrated Framework for Early Childhood Well-Being through Shared Systems, Strong Referral Pathways, and Integrated Care

Speakers: Jasleen Kaur, MD, Dana Allswede, PhD, IMH-E® & Marisa Medeiros Da Silva, Massachusetts General Physicians Organization

HealthySteps: Prioritizing Maternal Mental Health to Support Healthy Child Development

Speakers: Sarah Nolan, MA, Melanie Save, MS & Izabella Lopez, B.A., Rady Children's Health

In the Gap: Polling for Clinic Staff Priorities during HealthySteps Specialist Turnover

Speakers: Stephanie Mitchell, PhD, Early Childhood Innovation Network and Chukwuamaka Onyewadume, & Lael Coleman, Children's National Hospital

Making Connections Alongside Community Health Centers: Impacts of Early Childhood Development-Focused Technical Assistance and Peer Learning

Speakers: Kendall A McElroy, MPH, ZERO TO THREE, Early Childhood Developmental Health Systems: Evidence to Impact Center

Maternal Mental Health and Child Development in a HealthySteps Program at an Urban Mobile Clinic

Speakers: Claire Rhee, Karen Ganacias, & Joanne Odom, Medstar

Pathways for Supporting Early Relational Health Within Medicaid: Case Study of PlayReadVIP Delivery and Billing by Community Health Workers

Speakers: Anne Seery, PhD & Meredith Ansell, LMSW, PlayReadVIP National Center at NYU Grossman School of Medicine

Provider Burnout and Wellbeing Over Time: A Longitudinal Comparison of Pediatric Clinics With and Without HealthySteps

Speakers: Molly Farley, MEd, The Parent Child Center of Tulsa

Utilizing Upstream Effective Teams of Care and Co-Creation with Families to Promote Early Relational Health in Pediatric Primary Care

Speakers: Rachel Lettieri, MS & Mary Ann Woodruff, MD, FAAP, Pediatrics Northwest

Works-in-Progress: Two Practices Share Their Post-Implementation Journeys to Empower Parents and Families

Speakers: Mary Beth Callie, PhD, Callie Pediatrics and Shannon Rogers, Prisma Health Pediatrics-Powdersville, South Carolina

Early Childhood Development

Infant Feeding Practice in Hadiyya Culture: The Case of Harche Kebele

Speakers: Dawit Thomas Lambamo, Wachemo University

Micro-Credentials in Informal Career Pathways: Designing Professional Learning Focusing on Child Development

Speakers: Danielle L Pico, PhD, Rachel Chastain-Gross, MEd & Matthew Richmond, University of Florida Lastinger Center for Learning

Transforming ECE: How to Create Early Relational Health Ecosystems in Early Childhood Education

Speakers: Lisa Garcia, LMHC, IMH-E, Neighborhood Villages, East Boston Social Centers

Before the Words Come: Early Motor, Sensory, and Social Experiences as the Foundation for Language Development

Speakers: Noelle Cook, WestEd

Supporting Language Learning in Multilingual Infant-toddler Classrooms: Adapting an Innovative Conversation-based Approach

Speakers: N. Dede A. Addy, PhD, Johana Chaparro-Moreno, PhD & Stephanie M Curenton, PhD, Center on the Ecology of Early Development

NeuroTech for Connection: Bringing Heart and Science Together in Early Childhood

Speakers: Karla Proano, MEd, EdDc, Independent Early Childhood Consultant

Medical Play in Early Childhood Education: A Proactive, Post-Pandemic Approach

Speakers: Lauren Ashley Hoffman, MFA, Harvard Avenue School

Neurodevelopment in Infants with Elevated Risk Profiles within a Resource-Rich Context: A Community-Based Study in Hong Kong

Speakers: Jiangling Zhou, Patrick C M Wong & Anna Ma, Chinese University of Hong Kong

Parenting in the Early Years: Joys, Challenges, and Perspectives

Speakers: Ling Tsao, University of Idaho and Hsin-Hui Grace Lin, Texas A&M University Victoria

Measuring Parent Positive Support of Social Engagement of Toddlers with Autism within a Randomized Controlled Trial: Indicator of Parent-Child Interaction

Speakers: Ava Shivar, MEd & Kathleen M Baggett, PhD, Georgia State University

Reimagining Perinatal Support: A Cross-System Model for Maternal and Infant Well-Being

Speakers: Mark Stevens, Penfield Children's Center

An Analysis of the Relationship Between Baby TALK Strategies and Goal Use in Two Home Visiting Programs

Speakers: Laura Nathans, PhD & Kim Hanes, MS, Baby TALK

Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health: Advancing Practices in Interdisciplinary Personnel Preparation

Speakers: Sondra M Stegenga, PhD & Alysse Loomis, PhD, Susan Johnston, University of Utah

Family-Centered Practice

Planting the Seeds of Literacy: Family Engagement and Educator Training to Cultivate Literacy-Rich Communities

Speakers: Laura Walsh, MSEd & Josh Barocas, MSEd, LINC

Embracing Mo'olelo: How Hui Storytelling Strengthens Families, Heals Stigma, and Builds Pilina (Relationship)

Speakers: Cherilyn Shiinoki, MEd, Carrie Barringer & Johanna Nielsen, MEd, Family Hui Hawaii

Great Communication with Families of Kids with Disabilities: No Superpowers Required

Speakers: Marisa Howard-Karp, MS, Julie McKinney, MS & Christina Kozik, Exceptional Lives

Exploring Among Caregivers in Early Intervention Program: An Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis Study

Speakers: Chelsea Wallaert, OTD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Lessons in Family Engagement from FMF Bridges: an early intervention for children with prenatal alcohol exposure

Speakers: Misty Pruner, PhD & Tracy Jirikowic, PhD, University of Washington

Family Involvement in Co-op Classrooms: Moving Beyond Required Participation

Speakers: Meredith Scherrer, MS, Co-op Preschool Teachers' League

Growing our Garden: A Case Exploration of Jardín Family Playgroups in San Francisco

Speakers: Marion Reader, MSW, Project Commotion and Cindy López-Chastain, MS, CCC-SLP, Linguistic Connection

Relationship-Based Practice

Being Together: Building Community in the Infant Room

Speakers: Kathleen Iubatti, Portland State University and Aubri Bishop, Helen Gordon Child Development Center

Connected Through Play: Strengthening Caregiver–Child Relationships, Healing, and Development

Speakers: Dana Hillman-Sabato & Shannon Queiroga, Changent

From Crisis to Collaboration: Implementing Timely & Accessible Infant Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation

Speakers: Jennifer Silverstein, LCSW & Kathleen Kelly, MA, Early Learning Institute

Understanding Autistic Parenting: Insights and Strategies for Developmental Success

Speakers: Jessica Y. Gonzalez, MS, CCC-SLP & Amy Curtis, PsyD, Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Reflective Supervision/Consultation as a Facilitator for Interprofessional Collaboration

Speakers: Jennifer Mitchell, PhD, The Children's Center Utah and Alysse Loomis, PhD, University of Utah

Playful Moments at Home and Beyond

Speakers: Juliana Venegas, The George and Betsy Sherman Center at UMBC

Building Competence and Confidence in Infant-Toddler Care: Insights from a Pilot Certificate Program

Speakers: Jennifer L Harman, PhD, University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and Katayoun Zadeh, MEd & Meghan Foster, MS, Arkansas State University

Empowering Parents and Children: A Collaborative Project ImPACT Model

Speakers: Kim Henein, MS, CCC-SLP & Tina Bensimon, M.Ed., Montgomery County Infants and Toddlers Program

In Their Own Words: How Parenting Programs Support Families' Early Relational Health

Speakers: Jasmine Karing, MPH, Brooke Diaz, & Megan Chavez, MA, Oregon State University

A Playful Beginning: Cultivating Playful Parenting for Families with Young Children

Speakers: Xiangyou Shen, PhD, Shauna Tominey, PhD & Nazli Ozkoca, Oregon State University

OT-Informed STEAM Play Model Supporting Sensory Integration and Co-Regulation in Early Childhood: The Bright Sparks Play Lab

Speakers: Jen Godin, MSOT

A Guided Approach to Considering What Quality Care Looks Like for Babies and the Educators Who Care for Them

Speakers: Bianca M Reyes, Kerry Kriener-Althen, & Cherry Hanna, WestEd

The Family Partnership Staircase: Building Relationship-Based Pathways From Day One

Speakers: Chanel Whitaker & Estefany Umbach, DAY ONE Early Learning Community

Health and Developmental Risk and Protective Factors

Distinguishing SIDS, SUID, and Preventable Sleep-Related Infant Deaths: Advancing Clarity, Education, and Equity in Safe Sleep Practice

Speakers: Caitlin Young Pollard, PhD, Together We Thrive, Inc. and Alexandria Bowerman, Derrick Stone Safe Sleep

A Phenomenological View on Cosleeping Education in the United States

Speakers: Rachel Andersen, RN, University of Washington

A Demographic Analysis of CPP Dissemination in the United States between 2019 and 2025

Speakers: Benjamin Spevack, Alexandra D. Sullivan, Ann Chu and Alicia F. Liberman

Cultural and Linguistic Responsiveness

Equity in Early Intervention/Equidad en Intervención Temprana

Speakers: Monique Matute-Chavarria, PhD & Anita Hernandez, New Mexico State University

Building Equitable Family Partnerships with Multilingual Families in Early Intervention

Speakers: Ebryana Aaliyah Barela, Guadalupe Martinez & Adriana Marquez, New Mexico State University

Safe Passage: A Perinatal Framework for Advancing Black Maternal, Infant, and Family Mental Health

Speakers: Markita Barideaux, LCSW & Glamarys Acevedo, LCSW, MPH, IBCLC

Leadership to Meet Family Needs and Improve Services and Systems

From Clinic to Community: Adapting an Early Relational Health Intervention Across Countries and Care Settings

Speakers: Denise S. R. Mazzuchelli, PhD & Xochitl Arechiga, MEd, NYU Grossman School of Medicine, PlayReadVIP National Center

He Ala No Nā Keiki: Equitable Access to Early Learning Across Communities

Speakers: Kailey Lapenia, & Malia-Blossom Cruz, Institute for Native Pacific Education and Culture - INPEACE

Advancing Leadership Through MO-SECA (Missouri Supporting Early Childhood Administrators): Finding the Sweet Spot

Speakers: Jacklyn Aldrich, EdD, Melissa Newkirk, MEd, & Jennifer Biles, MA, UMKC Institute for Human Development - Early Childhood Innovation Center

A Home for Families: How Oregon Created a Responsive Parenting Education System

Speakers: Shauna Tominey, PhD & Michaella Sektnan, Oregon State University / Oregon Parenting Education Collaborative

Professional and Ethical Practices

Supporting Internal Capacity in Early Childhood Projects and Programs through Intentional Quality Initiatives

Speakers: Jennifer Zawislak, ZERO TO THREE & Education Development Center and Katari Coleman, PhD & Pritay Washington, Education Development Center

Building the ECE Workforce: Expanding ECE Occupations Through New Registered Apprenticeship Pathways

Speakers: Kimberly Farris, Early Childhood Workforce Connector, & Meredith Russell, WRMA, Inc, a TriMetrix Company

RECAP: A New Framework for Developing Equitable, Reflective, and System-Ready Infant/Toddler Leaders

Speakers: April Westermann, PhD & Elizabeth Zinter, MSW, Oregon Department of Early Learning and Care

Service Planning, Coordination, and Collaboration

Transitions in Child Welfare for Infants and Young Children: Applying Zero to Three Competencies to Support Development and Mental Health

Speakers: Valerie Bellas, PhD & Karen Baas, MA, Mind Body Baby

Successful Rural Strategies for Improved Early Childhood Systems, Joyful Relationships, and Collective Impact

Speakers: Callie H. Lambarth, MSW, Portland State University and Karen Pautz, MSL, First 5 Siskiyou Children and Families Commission / Siskiyou Child Abuse Prevention Council

Collaborating with Families: Checklist Results of Early Intervention Teams

Speakers: Ross Adams, MS, CCC-SLP, WestEd and Erica Ellis, PhD, CCC-SLP, Cal State LA

Family Leadership in Home Visiting Systems Transformation

Speakers: Rebecca Brown, MSEd & Ron Joseph, Center for Coordinating Oregon Home Visiting Systems (CCOHVS)

Project LAUNCH Cross-Agency Collaboration: Strengthening Mental Health Supports for Young Children

Speakers: Briana Bashaw-Wood, MA, LPCC, IFECMHS, RPF II, & Melanie Morones, LMFT, ATR-BC, ECMHS, YMCA of SD

Telling the Safe Babies Story: Evidence from the Growing Field of Infant-Toddler Courts

Speakers: Jenifer Goldman Fraser, PhD, MPH. Director of Research and Evaluation, Safe Babies, ZERO TO THREE

Early Insights from a National Evaluation of the Infant-Toddler Court Program

Speakers: Amanda N. Barczyk, PhD, MSW, Senior Research Associate, James Bell Associates