

Early Relationships Matter: Building Networks

CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

This conference is intended for professionals working with children ages 0 to 5. The conference will provide a forum to share new information on promoting social and emotional development in your everyday activities with infants, young children and their families, as well as early intervention and treatment strategies. Learn about programs, policies, resources and community activities supporting infants and young children's social and emotional development within the context of their caregiving relationships, community and culture.

CONFERENCE DATES

Wednesday, June 18

Full day preconference sessions from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 19

Workshop sessions from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Friday, June 20

Workshop sessions from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Some of the scheduled workshop topics include:

- Interventions to support infants and young children's social and emotional development
- Assessment and support of parent-child relationships
- Attachment and brain development
- Social and emotional screening or assessment
- Mental health consultation models
- Temperament
- Sensory integration

Opportunities to meet other professionals as well as time to reflect on what you have learned and how to implement these ideas will be offered.

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WISCONSIN ALLIANCE FOR
INFANT MENTAL HEALTH
— Early Relationships Matter —

Wisconsin Infant and Early Childhood
Mental Health Conference

Early Relationships Matter: Building Networks

June 18-20, 2008

Concourse Hotel, Madison, Wisconsin

Register by May 23 at www.wiaimh.org or
call (608) 442-0360 for the registration form.

Featuring keynote presentations by:

Gerard Costa, PhD, director of Youth Consultation Services
Institute for Infant and Preschool Mental Health

Roseanne Clark, PhD, director of Parent Infant and Early
Childhood Clinic, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, author of "Raising Your Spirited Child"
and director of Parentchildhelp.com



CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

June 18

Full day preconference sessions: 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Choose one of the following sessions.

Assessment and Diagnosis of Mental Health Concerns in the Young Child: A Relational Approach – Roseanne Clark, PhD, and Kathleen Hipke, PhD

This session introduces the process of a multimethod, therapeutic assessment for children 0 to 3 years of age and their parents. Topics include facilitation of a collaborative assessment process; use of video-based assessment and play-back tools to assess parent-child relationship quality; integration of interview, questionnaire and observational data and case formulation and treatment planning using the current diagnostic system for this age group, the Diagnostic Classification System: 0-3 (DC:0-3R).

Kitchen Table Reflections: Using Reflective Practice in Early Childhood Settings – Carol Noddings Eichinger, MS, LPC, LLP, and Karen Wollenburg, MsEd

This highly interactive workshop will offer participants ways to engage one another in safe and respectful conversation about the complex and highly charged work of early care. Participants also will explore possibilities for the integration of a reflective approach within program routines.

Positive Solutions for Families: Promoting Children's Social-emotional Development and Addressing Challenging Behaviors – Michaelene Ostrosky, PhD

Based on the work of the Center on Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning, this session will focus on supporting parents in using effective parenting behaviors to promote children's social-emotional development and address challenging behaviors. Topics to be addressed include promoting children's social and emotional skills, understanding children's problem behavior and using positive approaches to help children learn appropriate behavior.

June 19 - 20

Workshop times vary. For a list of conference sessions, visit www.wiaimh.org. You will be able to select the workshop sessions you would like to attend when you register for the conference.

Evening reception, presentation and book signing

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| 5 p.m. | Reception and award ceremony including appetizers and cash bar |
| 6:30 p.m. | Presentation, Mary Sheedy Kurcinka |
| 7:30 p.m. | Book signing |

The reception is free to participants of the conference. All professionals and parents are welcome to attend the keynote presentation and book signing at no cost. You must register for the event. Limited space is available.

KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS

June 19

9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Principles of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health: The Moral, Ethical and Economic Imperatives for Promotion, Prevention and Early Intervention – Gerry Costa, PhD

Dr. Costa will provide an overview of principles in the field of infant and early childhood mental health. Findings from the neurosciences and early intervention will be reviewed, offering compelling evidence for promotion, prevention and early intervention with infants, children and families.



Gerry Costa, PhD

June 19

6:30 p.m.

Discovering Who Has Come to Live with You: Discipline Strategies that 'Fit' Each Child – Mary Sheedy Kurcinka, author of "Raising Your Spirited Child" and "Sleepless in America"

Kurcinka will share the importance of temperamental differences, the link between temperament and behavior issues, effective strategies that truly fit each child, how your own temperament plays a role in the quality of your relationship with each child and the joy of discovering who has come to be with you.



Mary Sheedy Kurcinka

June 20

Noon to 1:30 p.m.

Mothers, Infants and Depression: A Relational Approach to Assessment and Treatment – Roseanne Clark, PhD

On average, 10 to 15 percent of women experience depression soon after childbirth and during the first year of their baby's life. For women living in poverty with multiple stresses the prevalence has been found to be closer to 50 percent. The prevalence, symptoms and risks associated with maternal depression and the impact on maternal functioning, mother-infant and family relationships, and consequences for child development will be described. Dr. Clark will discuss strategies for screening and identification of maternal depression, assessment and intervention approaches for supporting positive family relationships and emotion, and attention and behavior regulation in young children in home and child care settings.



Roseanne Clark, PhD

CONFERENCE FEES

Preconference: \$110
One day: \$125
Two days: \$225
Three days: \$300

Conference fees include admission to all sessions, continental breakfast, lunch, refreshments, conference handouts and a CD of resources. There are a limited amount of scholarships available. See Web site for application and details.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

Childcare registry labels will be offered. UW-Platteville undergraduate and graduate course credit pending. Contact Linda Eisele at LEisele@cityofmadison.com for more information.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Concourse Hotel
1 W. Dayton St.
Madison, WI 53703
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Concourse single or double: \$109
Governor's Level: Single \$144, double \$154
Be sure to request rooms blocked for the Wisconsin Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Conference. The deadline to reserve blocked rooms is May 6. For additional nearby hotels, visit our Web site.

REGISTRATION

The registration form and information can be found online at www.wiaimh.org/conference. Or, call (608) 442-0360 to have registration information sent to you.

Registration deadline is May 23. Cancellations before June 10 will receive a full refund minus a \$50 cancellation fee.

If you would like more brochures for your organization, call Deana at (608) 442-0360.

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