



**Please join us for the
Early Childhood Mental Health Institute Conference
Egan Convention Center
April 13 – 15, 2015**

The Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, University of Alaska's School of Social Work, Alaska Child Trauma Center and the Alaska Association of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health invite you to join us for this exciting opportunity.

The conference, which is focused on young children's mental health, will provide in-depth, practical information on supporting children's healthy social emotional development; assessing young children's mental health, addressing trauma, and supporting those that care for young children.

FEATURED PRESENTERS

Charles H. Zeanah, Jr., M.D.

Charles H. Zeanah, Jr., M.D., a child and adolescent psychiatrist, is Sellars-Polchow Professor of Psychiatry and Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, and Vice-Chair for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He serves as Executive Director of the Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. He also directs the Tulane Infant Team, a community-based intervention program for abused and neglected infants and toddlers in the New Orleans area. He has a longstanding interest in Infant Mental Health, and his research and clinical interests concern the effects of adverse early experiences on the development of young children, attachment and its development in high-risk environments, psychopathology in early childhood, and infant-parent relationships. He has published numerous scientific papers and book chapters on these topics. He is the editor of the Handbook of Infant Mental Health, published in three editions by Guilford Press, and co-author with Charles Nelson and Nathan Fox of Romania's Abandoned Children: Deprivation, Brain Development and the Struggle for Recovery, published by Harvard Press. He serves as a Board Member of Zero to Three and is Visiting Professor at the University of Bucharest and the University of Glasgow.

Presentations:

- *Attachment in the Context of Deprivation-Risk & Recovery*
- *Developmentally Informed Foster Care in Early Childhood*
- *Relationship Assessment in Early Childhood*

Deborah Harris, LISW, IMH-E@IV

Ms. Deborah Harris has a master's degree in Social Work from the University of California, Berkeley. She trained in infant-parent psychotherapy at the Infant Parent Program, created by Selma Fraiberg. Deborah was supervised and trained by Alicia Lieberman and Jeree Pawl. Deborah completed a post-graduate fellowship in both infant mental health and family therapy. She is certified in the advanced Circle of Security assessment and treatment protocol and is an endorsed COS- DVD Parenting trainer and consultant. Deborah has completed the three year Train the Trainers Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics developed by Dr. Bruce Perry. Ms. Harris is a co-trainer for Child Parent Psychotherapy. She is a graduate Fellow of the Zero To Three Leadership Development Initiative where her project was the creation of a model for Infant Teams in New Mexico. Deborah teaches advanced clinical seminars in infant mental health at the University of New Mexico and co-directs the New Mexico Infant Team project with her colleague Jane Clarke, PhD. Deborah provides reflective consultation to groups in New Mexico and Alaska. She is endorsed through the New Mexico Association for Infant Mental Health as a level 4 infant mental health mentor and practice leader. Ms. Harris' primary focus is working with infants and young children who have experienced trauma and maltreatment.

Presentations:

- *Infant Teams: A Collaborative Model for Serving Babies in Foster Care*
- *Circle of Security*

Lori Elmore-Staton

Lori Elmore-Staton, PhD, is an Assistant Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Mississippi State University. She received her B. S. degree in Psychology and her Ph.D. in Human Development and Family Studies from Auburn University. Dr. Staton has conducted biophysiological research for more than 15 years, with a special emphasis on sleep and emotion regulation of young children. Her current work focuses on integrating biophysiological health research into education programs for teachers and parents of underserved populations.

Presentations:

- *Sleep and Health: The Influence of Biology, Culture, Family, and Experiences*
- *Implications of Poverty for Early Childhood Professionals*

Douglas Davies

Douglas Davies, MSW, PhD, is a child and adolescent therapist and an infant mental health specialist who was trained at the Child Development Project at the University of Michigan (Selma Fraiberg, Director). He is endorsed as a Infant Mental Health Mentor (IV) by the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health. He has been in practice since 1979 and held clinical and supervisory positions in the Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Outpatient and Infant Psychiatry Programs in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Michigan. He was also lecturer in Psychiatry at the U-M Medical School. He has taught interpersonal practice courses at the University of Michigan School of Social Work for 25 years. Since retiring as Clinical/Practice Associate Professor in 2005, he continues to teach part-time. His clinical research interests are in intervention with toddlers and parents, treatment of trauma in young

children, therapy of young cancer survivors, and childcare consultation. His 2010 book *Child Development: A Practitioner's Guide, Third Edition* (Guilford Press), describes how to apply child development theory to clinical practice. His current practice focuses on reflective supervision, consultation and clinical training. For the past several years, he has been supervising childcare consultants for the State of Michigan Child Care Enhancement Program, leading reflective supervision groups for supervisors and clinicians through MiAIMH, the Virginia Infant/Toddler Connection, and the Alaska Child Trauma Center, and consulting with early childhood mental health programs in Michigan, California, Kansas, Virginia, and Hawaii.

Presentation:

- *Reflective Supervision in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Practice*

Featured Presenters

Kristin Mortenson, MS, LPC: *Helping Kids Bounce Back: How to Use our Understanding of Resiliency in the Treatment of Complex Trauma*

Mark Erickson, M.D.: *Nature Disrupted: Evolution, Kinship and Child Sexual Abuse*

Rachael Souther, MS, OTR/L: *If Mama Ain't Happy: Exploring and Addressing Maternal Mental Health*

Teresa Hurley, LCSW, IMHE® (III)-: *Relationship-Based Developmental Play 0-3 and Beyond*

Linda Chamberlain, PhD & Yael Calhoun, E-RTY, MS, MA: *Promoting Resiliency and Trauma Recovery with Children through Mindfulness and Simple Yoga*

Jared Parish, MS & Josh Arvidson, MSW: *Interpersonal Violence and Subsequent Maltreatment*

The conference is designed for a wide variety of professionals and providers who are involved in the social and emotional lives of young children: mental health providers, early interventionists, university faculty, health practitioners, mental health consultants, child protection workers, court staff, family support workers, parent educators, foster parents, early care and learning professionals and others interested in young children and their families.

We hope that you will join us for this wonderful opportunity to learn, connect with partners and support Alaska's children. For questions, please email susie_miller@traveletm.com

Thank you,

2015 ECMHI Committee / Event Travel Management

~~ CONFERENCE REGISTRATION WILL OPEN END OF FEBRUARY ~~

PLEASE LOOK FOR FURTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THERE!