Connecticut Association of Infant Mental Health 2006 Year in Review



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As many of you may know Cathy Daguio passed away on May 4th, 2006. Cathy was one of the founders of CT-AIMH and served on the Board from 2003 – 2004. She worked at the UCONN Medical Center as an Infant Developmental Specialist and Director of the NIDCAP Training Center, where she was extremely dedicated to her work. Cathy had a special love for infants and children which was reflected in the work she did on a daily basis. She will be missed by many.

- The annual meeting in March was very successful with over 120 people attending and learning about the need to integrate mental health into early intervention.
- Members of your Board are active with the new Early Childhood Mental Health Research Network and will be co-leading two interest groups, one on program development and evaluation and one on workforce development. This activity is in conjunction with Connecticut Child Health and Development Institute.
- Board members are also working to put a list of screening and assessment tools for early childhood emotional development/mental health together that can be a reference for those of you working in infant, toddler, and preschool settings.
- Other Board members are beginning the process to have early childhood mental health services funded through the Administrative Service Organization (ASO). Value Options is the company running the ASO and has representatives in each part of the state. The contact for your area is attached. The main number is 877-552-8247.
- Still other members are working on obtaining 501C-3 status for our organization.
- The Board is updating the web page, adding links that will be helpful in your work with young children and their social-emotional wellness. <u>www.ct-aimh.org</u>
- Finally, the Board is beginning to plan for our the Fall gathering. Please let us know if you have ideas for topics or format.
- A list of Board members is attached. Please contact us through the web site or by phone: President, Margaret Holmberg, 860-443-7192.