

Connecticut Association of Infant Mental Health
2007 Year in Review



CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION
FOR INFANT MENTAL HEALTH

The Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health provides statewide opportunities to enhance knowledge and to promote a positive influence on the social emotional health and development of infants, young children and their families.

Greetings from CT-Association for Infant Mental Health

a professional organization to promote early childhood social emotional development

As President of CT – Association for Infant Mental Health, I invite you to renew your membership to Connecticut's only organization focused solely on infant, toddler, and preschool relationships and emotional regulation. New and renewing members will receive a copy of our new publication, "Secure Beginnings".

Our Fall 2006 conference was attended by 135 people who heard Rebecca Shahmoon Shanok from the Jewish Child and Family Board in New York describe the art of reflective thinking and interviewing for home visitors. The evaluations were very positive and gave us some good feedback for future meetings. We are very appreciative to our co-sponsors for helping to make the conference possible: Child Health and Development Institute, Children's Trust Fund, CT Birth to Three System, and Building Blocks in Southeastern Connecticut.

The Board of Directors is working on two projects. The first focus is to identify tools for screening and assessing early childhood mental health. Watch our web site for postings with information to help you decide what will work in your program.

The second focus is to gather information needed to become a 501C3 organization. With this designation we will be able to apply for membership in the World Association for Infant Mental Health.

Please renew your membership for 2007 and check our website for our latest activities (**Registration for our 4th Annual Meeting, April 30, 2007**) and links to information about activities in other states around young children's social emotional wellness. Please let us know your suggestions for workshop topics, ways to grow CT-AIMH, and a nomination for our Jane C. Bourns award (see enclosed information).