

Connecticut Association of Infant Mental Health
2010 Year in Review

The Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health continues to be a voice for the healthy social and emotional wellness and development of infants and young children with their families and caregivers. 2010 brought significant activities around building our infrastructure. Specifically in 2010, CT-AIMH:

- Signed an agreement with Yale Child Study Center to provide administrative space including email, phone, fax, and administrative assistance.
- Hired Anne Giordano to be our part time Endorsement Coordinator.
- Had the new web site up and running. Please see <http://www.ct-aimh.org>
 - Contains information about the Competencies and Endorsement
 - Highlights our upcoming trainings and links to registration and payment
- Continued to promote the Competency Guidelines through assessing training opportunities in CT that align with the Competency Guidelines.
- Received assistance from DSS and CT Workforce Collaborative to hold competency-aligned trainings in 2011.
- Held our third Stakeholders meeting at the Graustein Memorial Fund with more than 35 people in attendance.
- Honored first people who have earned Endorsement in Culturally Sensitive, Relationship-Focused Practice to Promote Infant Mental Health®.
- Have 11 people participating in a year of Reflective Supervision with Dr. Rebecca Shahmoon Shanok, Jewish Board of Families and Childrens' Services, NYC.
- Completed training of CT Endorsement Exam reviewers.
- Continued to meet with the DSS/Head Start Collaboration Office Infant Toddler Initiatives.
- Sponsored, along with the Zero To Three New Haven Court Team Project, a very successful fall 2010 conference on Supporting Children in the Child Welfare System featuring Dr. Brenda Jones Harden.
- Supported Circle of Security training through Child FIRST.
- Participated in workforce activity of the LAUNCH which was awarded to Wheeler Clinic for Promising Starts in New Britain.
- Completed a working draft of our Strategic Plan; now working on a Business Plan.
- Continued to be part of the League of States (those states offering an endorsement in Infant Mental Health) and 5 people attended its annual meeting in Phoenix prior to Zero to Three NTI. Attendance was supported by Child Health and Development Institute.
- Produced two Newsletters with assistance from Kevin Sullivan, DPH.