

Connecticut Association of Infant Mental Health  
2011 Year in Review

CT-AIMH experienced another year of dramatic growth. We offer our appreciation and thank you's to our many advocates, funders and champions. They helped make the following possible:

- We completed an external Financial Compilation Report from a contracted firm.
- We now hold Directors and Officers Insurance.
- We completed a Business plan with the help of a consultant.
- Board committees were redefined to move CT-AIMH from passionate volunteers to paid staff.
- Our web site was revamped.
- We began offering on-line event registration and e-mail marketing.
- Debbie Weatherston from MI-AIMH spoke to stakeholders and trained CT Endorsed people to review the Endorsement® Exam.
- We offered the Endorsement® Exam for the first time in Connecticut.
- We piloted the on-line portfolio software, EASy, that led to two more CT people holding the infant mental health Endorsement.
- Our Endorsement Coordinator holds Endorsement®.
- The Professional Advisory Committee developed a brochure describing the Endorsement®.
- We completed a module on Reflective Practice with ARRA funds through DSS.
- The module was presented at the MI-AIMH biannual conference by Margaret Holmberg and Grace Whitney and at the 2011 Zero To Three National Training Institute.
- We focused our annual meeting and fall conference on the topic of Maternal Depression.
- We held our first two-day conference with the able help of Heidi Maderia as our conference coordinator and sponsors: DPH, New Britain Promising Starts, Child Health & Development Institute.
- We offered 10 hours of Introduction to Reflective Supervision with Nancy Close, our 2011 Jane C. Bourns Awardee, as facilitator. The 10 participants were from a broad range of home visiting programs. ARRA funds through DSS made this training possible.
- We offered an 8-part series on topics related to the Competencies made possible with funds from the CT Behavioral Workforce Council. Attendance averaged 20 per session with 16 people attending all 8 sessions.

- Six people attended the League of States (states offering Endorsement®) in Washington DC: Catherine O'Brien, Grace Whitney, Kim Watson Shepardson, Tanika Simpson, Anne Giordano, and Margaret Holmberg.
- People holding endorsement participated in League committees: research, policy, leaders, and endorsement coordinators.