

KYLE PRUETT RECEIVES 2010 JANE C. BOURNS AWARD

This year, The Connecticut Association for Infant Mental Health is proud and privileged to name Dr. Kyle Pruett as the recipient of the 2010 Jane C. Bourns Award. As most of you surely know, Dr. Pruett is an internationally known child psychiatrist and expert on child, parental and family development, paternal involvement, children's mental health, creativity, and the effects of media, trauma, and divorce on children.

He is Clinical Professor of Child Psychiatry at the Yale School of Medicine, author, international lecturer, media personality and pioneering researcher. He conducted the country's only long-term study of the impact on children of primary caretaking fathers which culminated in the publication of his influential book, *The Nurturing Father*. He is currently involved in a pioneering project in California, dedicated to improving the role of fathers in low-income, rural families. If you had the opportunity to see his moving video vignette of an illiterate father "reading" to his toddler, you would witness the power of his work in fortifying father-child relationships.

Notable among his many accomplishments, Dr. Pruett is past President of Zero to Three, author of several award-winning books including his recent book with his wife, Marsha Klein Pruett, "Partnership Parenting". He maintains a private practice and provides consultation to innovative programs for children and families in Connecticut as well as nationally and internationally.

Perhaps the most compelling reason to recognize Dr. Pruett with this year's Jane C. Bourns Award is the impact his mentorship has had on so many of those in this room who have, as a result of his influence, taken up the call for leadership in the quest for improved infant mental health policies and practices in our state.

Please join me in recognizing Dr. Kyle Pruett, the Nurturing Father of our endeavors.