

Joanna Bogin received the 2017 Jane C Bourns award from the CT Association for Infant Mental Health. Joanna was a founding member of the Board of Directors for the CT Association for Infant Mental Health. She was instrumental in helping the Board to establish By-Laws of the Association. She sought guidance from her contacts in other states that had already established infant mental health associations and that were affiliates of the World Association for Infant Mental Health.

After the Association was established, Joanna was a leader in helping the Association develop its first strategic plan, a plan that in specifics has changed but in principle continues to serve as a guide for moving the field of infant mental health forward in Connecticut. Joanna's footprints are firmly planted in the Association's history. She was one of the faithful and committed leaders who persevered throughout the Association's beginnings. Her leadership is in part why we are here today.

All of this Joanna was doing while she directed the Connecticut Help Me Grow program during its inception as a state funded program for eight years. She then became the director of the Help Me Grow National Center. Joanna now serves as the senior consultant for the National Center and provides technical assistance to the National Affiliate Network.