



Promoting, supporting, and strengthening children's earliest relationships  
prenatal to age six

*Infant mental health  
is about early  
relationships, their  
origin, and their  
power.*

*Babies develop in  
the context of  
relationships.  
Warm, sensitive,  
and predictable  
relationships build  
the rapidly  
developing brain.*

*Promoting these  
early powerful  
relationships is the  
work of  
professionals from  
many disciplines.*

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Dear JoAnn Robinson, PhD, IMH-E®,

Congratulations for your nomination for the CT-AIMH 2022 Jane C. Bourns Award of Excellence for exemplary service to infants, young children, and families.

We begin by acknowledging that you have been an active contributor to the field of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health for more than 30 years. We recognize your outstanding work as a professor in the Human Development and Family Studies program at the University of Connecticut since 2004. Prior to that, you worked in a variety of roles at the University of Denver Psychology Department and the University of Colorado Health Sciences Center, Department of Pediatrics. Throughout your career you have worked to develop and refine parenting support services and continue to work in parenting programs such as Peace at Home Parenting, to support parents of infants and young children. You have also developed specific expertise in the evaluating the efficacy of those services and shared that with innumerable community organizations including CT-AIMH. You have contributed enormously to the literature on prevention and early intervention models, infant mental health, and emotional assessment in young children. You have taught and mentored many young clinicians in a variety of fields; your impact extends well beyond your own accomplishments. We appreciate and value highly your membership on the CT- AIMH Board of Directors (BOD) since 2007. You embody a life-long commitment to improving our understanding of infant mental health and to training the next generation to continue the work you have advanced.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
*Susan Vater*

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