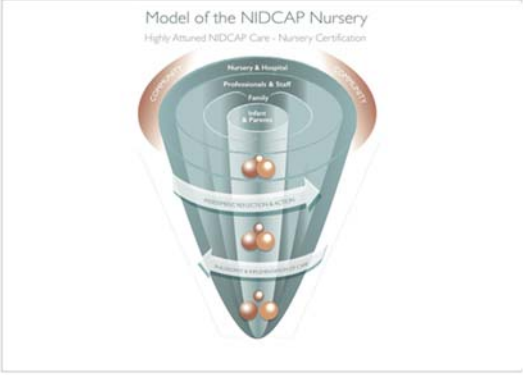



Dear Members of the NFI,

2019 is off to a very strong start and we have a number of new initiatives underway:

	<p>In response to requests for guidance and mentorship to develop NIDCAP programs and ourselves as resources for hospital systems and professionals, Rodd Hedlund, MEd, the NIDCAP Nursery Program’s Director, is launching a new NFI resource next month. Rodd will offer monthly “office hour” conference calls around specific NIDCAP Nursery topics. Some of the early themes will include: getting started nurturing developmental growth within a nursery; forming NIDCAP multidisciplinary and family representative leadership teams; and developing action plans. All are welcome to participate. Please watch for details on how to join in and for upcoming topics. Please feel free to share suggestions for future call discussions with Rodd. As always, Rodd remains available for individual questions and consultations. Please note, Rodd’s email address has changed: nidcapnurserydirector@nidcap.org</p>
	<p>Watch this month for the publication of our newest Abstract issue of the <i>Developmental Observer</i>. It captures the very many informative presentations from our 2018 NIDCAP Trainers Meeting. And Kaye Spence, AM is planning some exciting new features for our NFI publication this year...</p>



On March 20th

*and the whole month of March,
we will celebrate our first annual*

WORLD NIDCAP Day
(and Month)

March 20th marks the vernal equinox (representing new beginnings) in the northern hemisphere, and autumnal equinox (representing perhaps uncertainty) in the southern hemisphere. Newborn infants, whether they are prematurely born and/or ill represent new beginnings, while their hospitalization represents uncertainty that warrants the individualized attention and nurturance of NIDCAP care. The NFI is pleased to establish March 20, 2019 as the 1st Annual World NIDCAP Day, recognizing the importance of providing NIDCAP care to premature and ill infants and their families all over the world.

With appreciation for Nadine Griffiths, RN, MSN for proposing that we celebrate and promote NIDCAP and what we have achieved (and co-developing materials with Mandy Daly and Sandra Kosta). Please watch for NFI requests to participate and for materials and suggestions for how you might celebrate during the month in your part of the world. And please share with us your March celebratory NIDCAP activities by sending stories and photographs to us at shareyourstory@nidcap.org. [For families' confidentiality protection, please use only this email to send materials rather than our group listserv.]

Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news written to me personally and/or to the whole board, are welcome.

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