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Just doing the right and decent thing can set the pace for others to follow in all kinds of settings.

Marian Wright Edelman (Born 1939) writing about Leadership and Service

American lawyer, Civil Rights Activist, Founder of the Children's Defense Fund

Dear Members of our NFI Community,

Now halfway through 2020 - globally and locally - this is not the year we imagined it would be. We are witnessing and shaping new ways of being in the world. As members of the NFI, we are uniquely suited with our NIDCAP perspective to navigate our way through challenges with sensitivity, responsiveness, and creativity (and so much more). This is what it means to practice NIDCAP. Guiding principles, central to the the practice of highly attuned NIDCAP care,* are:

mutual respect

caring

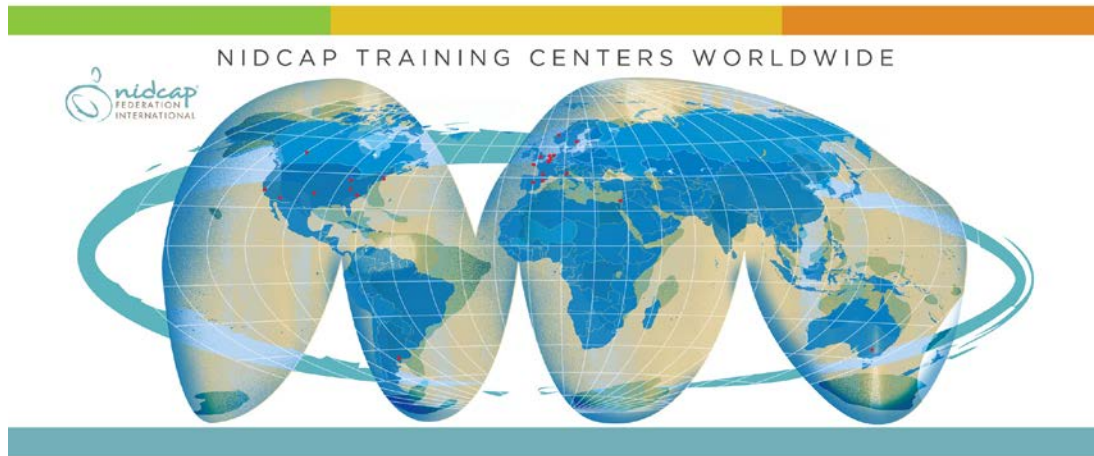
nurturance

collaboration

These ways of being allow us to lead by “doing the right and decent thing” as Marian Wright Edelman wrote. They also offer a guide for how we evolve understandings, partnerships, communication, planning, resources, practices and support. May the coming months bring health and stability to all. May they also bring opportunities for NIDCAP care for babies and their families to flourish, perhaps in new, unexpected ways, around the world.

* *Excerpt from the Nursery Assessment Manual - Overall Hospital and Nursery Summary Scale Score of 5: The dynamic full integration of expert medical and nursing care is securely embedded within the mission and active pursuit of mutual respect, caring, nurturance of and collaboration with infants and families, and among professionals and staff members. (NFI, 2015, 2019, 91-92).*

NFI News & Updates



31st Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting and 2020 NFI Annual Membership Meeting



The NIDCAP and Science Subcommittee is calling for submissions for Abstract (due July 19) and Journal Club (due July 15) Presentations for the 31st Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting. Guidelines and Consent Forms are attached. Please reach out to Maria Maestro, MD (mariamaestro@gmail.com) with interest and questions.

Meeting invitations and specifics to follow.

Recent Happenings



R3: Research, Read & Review

In June, the NIDCAP and Science Committee released the seventh **R3: Research, Read & Review**. The article reviewed by *Fatima Camba, MD* (from Vall D'Hebron Hospital, Barcelona) and *Josep Perapoch, MD* (from Josep Trueta Hospital, Girona) was: Stuebe, A. Should Infants Be Separated from Mothers with COVID-19? First, Do No Harm. *Breastfeeding Medicine*; 2020;15(5). DOI: 10.1089/bfm.2020.29153.ams.

New Initiatives

NIDCAP Training Conversations

The *Quality Assurance Advisory Council* is developing individual and group support opportunities for NIDCAP Trainers.

Joy Browne, PhD, PCNS-BC, IMH (IV), Clinical Mentor, Jean Powlesland, RN, MS, and Inga Warren, DipCOT, MSc are creating “**Training Conversations**” for NIDCAP Trainers. These online group discussions will focus on training-related questions and challenges. Each session will be led by an experienced and a peer NIDCAP Trainer. The first three video conferences are planned for July, August and September. Please watch for email communications with details to follow.

Pearls of NIDCAP Wisdom For Healthcare Professionals

Calling all NIDCAP Professionals, Trainers and Supporters – please contribute ideas and text for Pearls of NIDCAP Wisdom for Healthcare Professionals. We plan to develop this resource in parallel to the one we have for families. This resource will highlight NIDCAP and its critical contribution to the hospital care of newborns and infants and their families.

WHAT WISDOM(S) WOULD YOU LIKE TO SHARE TO HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF NIDCAP IN HOSPITALS?

Please send topics, statements and/or paragraphs to shareyourstory@nidcap.org.

NFI Board of Directors

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Video Conference Call Minutes

June 1, 2020

June 15, 2020

Highlights

When available the full NFI Board of Director Minutes will be posted within our website’s [Membership Section](#). The following are summaries of Board discussions from two of the June meetings.

June 1, 2020

- *The Board of Director Video Conference Call Minutes from May 18th will be further revised after reviewing a discrepancy in understanding the Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely (SMART) goal developed for online learning.*
- *The NFI website renovation is underway and will be soon be available for testing. Members, including NIDCAP Trainees, interested in joining a Website Review Task*

Force are invited to contact Sandra Kosta (Sandra.Kosta@childrens.harvard.edu).

- A timeline for the online process of holding the 2020 Membership Elections for the Board of Directors has been drafted and will be sent to the Board for review.
- The NFI Finance Chair Board Directorship and Officer Treasurer positions were discussed to ensure the ongoing stability and continuity of the NFI. Recommendations offered included: maintaining the current practice that all Board seats remain open for election; offer a dedicated Finance Board of Directors' seat for election; or create an appointed Finance Board of Directors' seat. This topic will be further explored prior to decision-making. The Board agreed that succession plans for all Board of Director leadership positions should be developed.
- Program Committee Chair, D. Vittner, highlighted the many accomplishments of the Quality Assurance Advisory Council and the various sub-committees. She offered appreciation for the hard work evidenced. Please see the full Minutes for details.

June 15, 2020

- The NFI Board of Directors Minutes for May 18 and June 1st video conference call meetings were approved.
- The NFI Board of Directors agreed to continue to meet twice monthly for the remainder of the NFI fiscal year.
- A timeline and process describing an all-electronic voting process for the upcoming Board of Directors elections were presented.
- Results from an NFI Board of Directors survey on considerations for the dedication of a specific Finance Board of Director seat were reviewed and will continue to be discussed.
- Program Committee priorities were discussed; there was agreement on the development and availability of online educational modules and resources.
- A draft of the budget for NFI FY 2020-2021 was presented and line items explained; discretionary spending of limited funds will continue to be discussed.

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

Sending wishes of health and well-being to our entire NFI community,

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