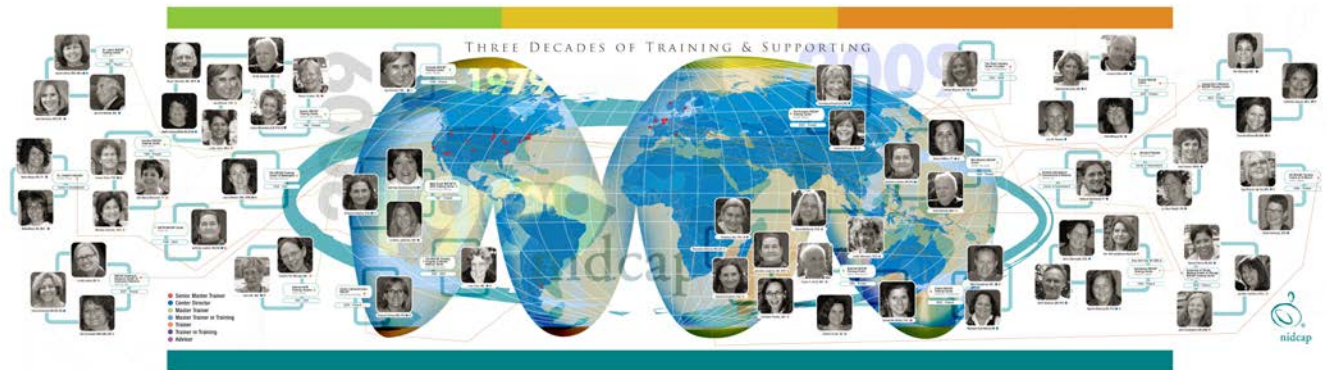


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Dear Members of the NFI,

This month, NIDCAP Trainers, Center Directors and Center Supporters received invitations for the [Three Decades of NIDCAP Trainers Meetings: Guiding, Reflecting and Imagining](#) to be held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire (USA). October 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Our NIDCAP Trainers Meeting Host (Jim Helm) and Planning Committee (Co-Chaired by Nikk Conneman and Jean Powlesland) and Finance and Logistics Team (Sandra Kosta and Gloria McAnulty) are all fast at work to create yet another memorable meeting. The last day of the three-day meeting, focusing on *Gut Feeling: The Other Brain. Exploring the Connection of Microbiome, Stress and Infant Behavior*, will be open to individuals interested in learning more about NIDCAP and NIDCAP-related topics. For questions about attending and/or sponsoring/exhibiting at our meeting, please contact Jim at [jimhelm27@gmail.com](mailto:jimhelm27@gmail.com)

So about the part where we are celebrating THREE DECADES of NIDCAP Trainers Meeting (NTM)... and 40 years of NIDCAP Training... this is just incredible! It represents a huge milestone of our ever-expanding global community. It also celebrates our shared commitment to make life better for hospitalized infants and their families now and into the future. We are planning ways to celebrate when we are together in October. One activity is to update the poster that tells the story of the history and growth of our Training Centers. This is the one we made in 2009:



If you are on this poster and would like to change out your photo, please send us a new one that you would like to be included. If you are a Trainer and/or Center Director and have joined us AFTER 2009, please send a photo that you would like on our revised poster. **Please send your headshot photographs to [shareyourstory@nidcap.org](mailto:shareyourstory@nidcap.org)** . We will print copies of the 2019 poster to share at the meeting. At the NTM, we are also developing ways for everyone's voices to be shared telling the story of NIDCAP and for us to celebrate creating and being important members of the NIDCAP community. Our meeting promises to be great fun!

Last month we shared Good News of our newest Board member (Jennifer Degl) and of our NIDCAP and Science Sub-Committee's renewed efforts. Supporting and celebrating our achievements, big and small, seems like a good thing to keep going. We are a courageous, dedicated, creative group setting out to change healthcare and enhance care for babies and their families. We are a group that strives to make an impact on others, to make a difference in the world. This is often challenging and yet also incredibly

rewarding. In order to get better at caring for others, cheering one another on within our international NFI group helps to strengthen our efforts and our impact. So let's keep the good news coming... **We invite you to write to us at [shareyourstory@nidcap.org](mailto:shareyourstory@nidcap.org) with your own "Good News" – professional and personal – that we can share with our NIDCAP Community.** Here's to celebrating and nurturing one another as we strengthen our NFI global community.

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

Yours in support of the NFI,

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