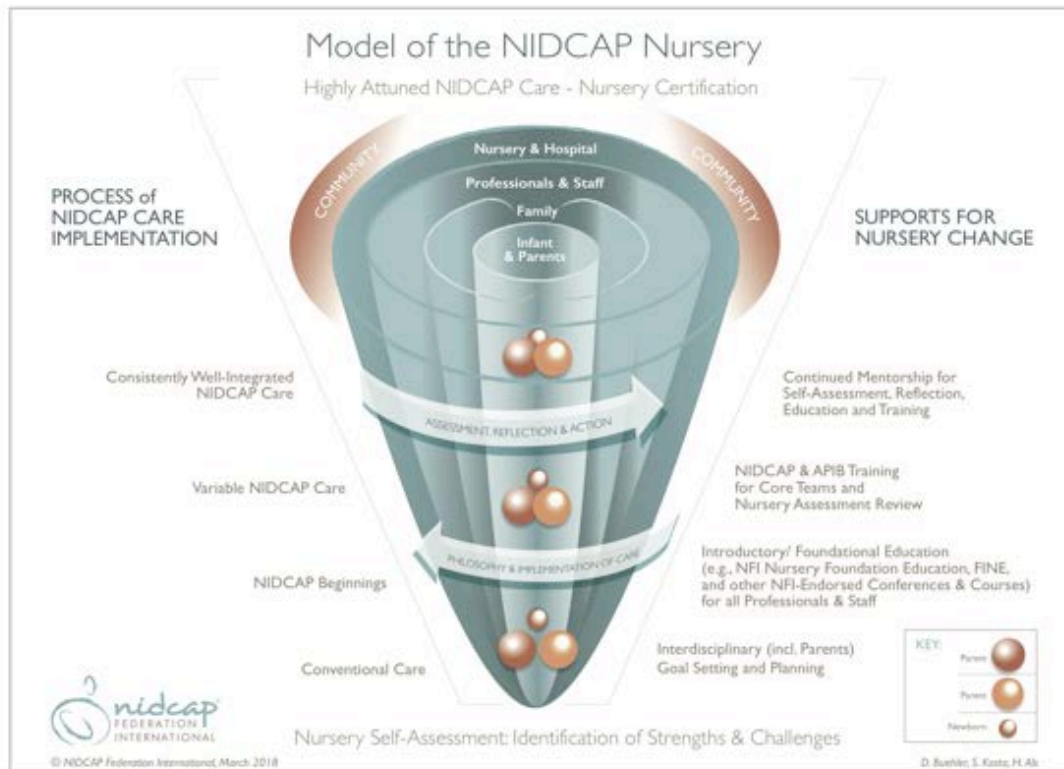


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Dear Members of the NFI,

The vision that inspires all of the activities of the NFI depicts *‘a global society in which all hospitalized newborns and their families receive care in the evidence-based NIDCAP model.’* This goal can be realized when each nursery invests in themselves within a NIDCAP framework, providing care and support for infants, their families and caregiving staff within the NIDCAP model.

The path and ingredients to realize a NIDCAP Nursery is represented by this new graphic:



The **Model of the NIDCAP Nursery** illustrates the change process from a traditional nursery to a NIDCAP Nursery. Simultaneously, it shows the aspects and relationships of newborn nursery components and supports for nursery professionals. Heidelise Als, PhD will present the model at our upcoming 29<sup>th</sup> NIDCAP Trainers Meeting in Portugal this fall. Stay tuned!

Please check back later this month to our [nidcap.org/en/programs-and-certifications/nidcap-nursery-assessment-and-certification/](http://nidcap.org/en/programs-and-certifications/nidcap-nursery-assessment-and-certification/) webpages to see our refreshed descriptions of the NFI’s NIDCAP Nursery

Program and its components of Nursery Self-Assessment and Nursery Certification. We will also post more information about this graphic with a detailed legend on our website.

For questions about our NIDCAP Nursery Program, and its resources and certification opportunities, please contact Rodd Hedlund, MEd ([nnacpdirector@nidcap.org](mailto:nnacpdirector@nidcap.org)).

#### UPDATES:

- The NIDCAP Trainers Meeting Planning Sub-Committee announced the 2018 NIDCAP Trainers Meeting Journal Club, facilitated by *Dr. Juzer Tyebkhan*. 'The purpose of this session is to keep us up to date with the latest research, particularly that which relates to NIDCAP Training and Education.' For submission details, please see Journal Club Submission Instructions sent via email.

#### NEWS:

- The NFI endorsed conference, *6th Annual Midwest Developmental Care Conference: FINE: Family & Infant Neurodevelopmental Education Level 1 - Foundational Toolkit for Family Centered Care Foundational Education for the Newborn Individualized Developmental Care and Assessment Program (NIDCAP)*, was held on April 26 and 27, 2018 at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio.
- *Dr. Juzer Tyebkhan* shared Heather Spears' blog: <https://heatherspearsblog.wordpress.com/2017/12/02/blog-11-special-care-nurseries-the-end-of-drawing/>
- NFI Member, *Yamile Jackson, PhD, PE* shared information on Kangaroo Care Day, which will be celebrated on May 15<sup>th</sup> 2018 (<https://kangaroo.care>).
- Our Google ListServ held discussions of 'NIDCAP assessments'; 'octopuses and NICU' (to be continued); 'developmental rounds'; and 'cellophane plastic bags for preterms'.

Your feedback, questions, comments, NFI updates, and membership news addressed to the Board, and/or to me personally always are welcome.

Yours in support of the NFI,

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