

Dear Members of the NFI,



5 DAYS until our

30th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting **Portsmouth, New Hampshire USA**

Vibrant fall leaf colors, a historic port city AND NIDCAP Professionals and supporters have all the makings for an epically educational, nurturing, fun and memorable meeting! Our plans include our three-day (by invitation) meeting entitled: **Three Decades of NIDCAP Trainers Meetings: Guiding, Reflecting and Imagining** (October 5-7th). We will also hold our **Annual NFI Membership Meeting** on Sunday, October 6, 2019, 2:20 PM – 4:20 PM EDT (at the [Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel](#), 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 USA). On the third day of our meeting (Monday, October 7th) will be a special focus on **Gut Feeling: The Other Brain. Exploring the Connection of Microbiome, Stress and Infant Behavior**. This is a one-day conference open to the greater community. The Keynote Speakers will be Amy D'Agata, RN, PhD (University of Rhode Island) and Jeffrey Alberts, PhD (University of Indiana). [Click here for one day conference and registration details.](#)



Open 1-Day Conference
at the
30th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting



Gut Feeling: The Other Brain. Exploring the Connection of Microbiome, Stress & Infant Behavior



October 7, 2019 | 8:00 AM – 5:15 PM
Sheraton Portsmouth Harborside Hotel
Portsmouth, New Hampshire

For questions about attending the meeting, please contact Jim Helm at jimhelm27@gmail.com.

Safe travels to all of the NIDCAP Trainers, Center Directors and guests who will be joining us in New Hampshire. Our hosts, organizers and facilitators are looking forward to welcoming you as we celebrate 30 years of Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meetings together.

Celebrate the 30th



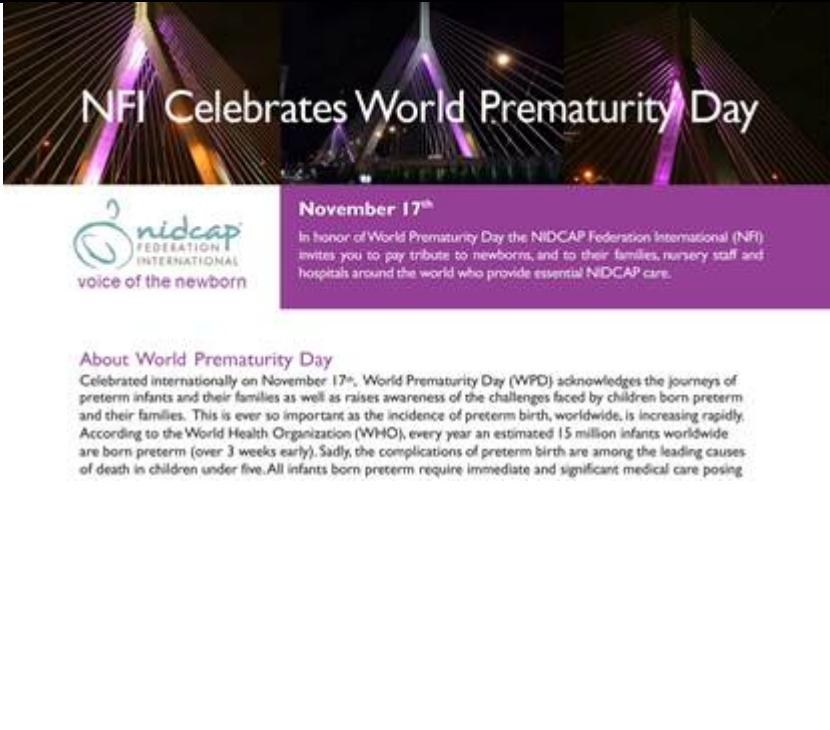
Upcoming NFI Events



We are getting an early start on plans for **World NIDCAP Day** in March 2020 and will produce a poster similar to the ones we have made for past World Prematurity Day celebrations.

Please consider documenting NIDCAP care in your unit over the next couple

of months and watch for a special request to send your photos (to shareyourstory@nidcap.org) for inclusion in our NFI poster.



The poster features a background image of a bridge at night with purple and white lights. The text reads: "NFI Celebrates World Prematurity Day". Below this is the NIDCAP logo with the tagline "voice of the newborn". A purple box contains the date "November 17th" and an invitation: "In honor of World Prematurity Day the NIDCAP Federation International (NFI) invites you to pay tribute to newborns, and to their families, nursery staff and hospitals around the world who provide essential NIDCAP care." Below this is a section titled "About World Prematurity Day" with a paragraph of text.

NFI Celebrates World Prematurity Day

November 17th
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About World Prematurity Day
Celebrated internationally on November 17th, World Prematurity Day (WPD) acknowledges the journeys of preterm infants and their families as well as raises awareness of the challenges faced by children born preterm and their families. This is ever so important as the incidence of preterm birth, worldwide, is increasing rapidly. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), every year an estimated 15 million infants worldwide are born preterm (over 3 weeks early). Sadly, the complications of preterm birth are among the leading causes of death in children under five. All infants born preterm require immediate and significant medical care posing

World Prematurity Day 2019, initiated by the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants (EFCNI) and their parent organization partners, will be celebrated on **Thursday, November 17th**. In honor of this day, the NFI invites you to pay tribute to newborns, and to their families, nursery staff and hospitals around the world who provide essential NIDCAP care.

Please visit the [EFCNI](#) and [our website](#) for information, resources and ideas for how to participate in this international celebration.

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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