

January 2021

Dear Members of our NFI Community,

With 2020 now behind us, we look ahead to 2021. Your words of hope capture its potential and its promise:

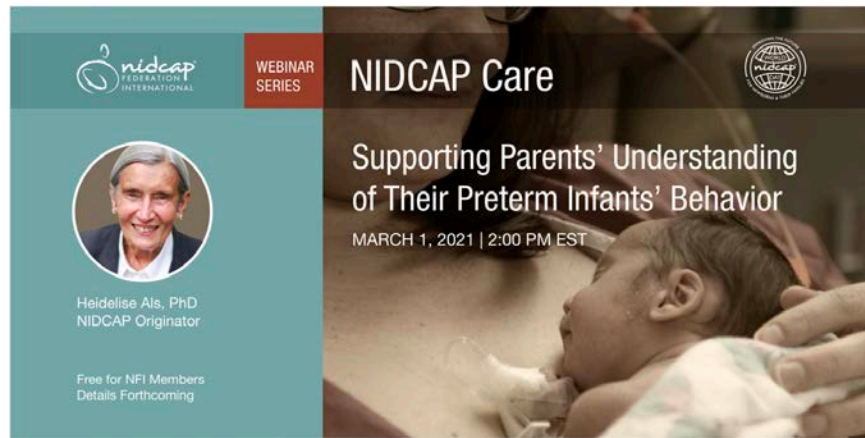


*This is the time we have, this our very moment. It is time to take stock of our lives, our work, to see if we are prepared to continue to walk with courage into the future, the unknown. Live each moment. The good you want to do, do it now. The love you want to give, give it now. The commitment you want to make, make it now. Prepare yourself well emotionally, physically, mentally, and spiritually for whatever may come. Together we are strongest.* In humility,  
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So here's to our NFI family realizing the knowns and the unknowns of a new year with renewed courage, hope and resiliency... Both individually and collectively because *Together we ARE the strongest.*



Our NFI committees, subcommittees and task forces are fast at work creating new 2021 World NIDCAP Day (and Month) happenings... from the launch of our re-imagined website to the releases of our first ever podcast AND webinar series. Please watch for details to come about all of these events!



And it is time to submit your **PHOTOGRAPH OF NIDCAP CARE** for inclusion in our 2021 **World NIDCAP Day** poster of NIDCAP care from around the world... And for possible inclusion on the soon to be live new [nidcap.org](http://nidcap.org) site. Please send us a photo by

**MONDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>th</sup>.**

You must have permission for the photograph(s) you send to be shared on our website, social media, newsletter and related NFI educational sites and ONLY use our NIDCAP email address to [shareyourstory@nidcap.org](mailto:shareyourstory@nidcap.org). Please use the attached photo release to obtain permission. As always, we are so very appreciative for families to share their images and experiences and we must ensure their privacy.

<h2 style="color: #008080;">NFI Updates &amp; News</h2> <hr style="border: 5px solid #008080; margin: 10px 0;"/> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: center; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>NIDCAP TRAINING CENTERS WORLDWIDE</p> </div> </div>	
	<h3 style="color: #008080; text-align: center;">WORLD NIDCAP DAY Saturday, March 20<sup>th</sup></h3> <p><b>Our third</b> celebration is nearly here! In honor of this day (and month!), the NFI invites you to honor newborns who are or have been hospitalized, their families, and the nursery staff and hospitals around the world who care for them.</p> <p>Please visit <a href="http://our website">our website</a> for information, resources and ideas for how to participate in this international celebration.</p>



## NFI Board of Directors

### Video Conference Call Minutes

When available the full NFI Board of Director Minutes will be posted within our website's [Membership Section](#). The following are **HIGHLIGHTS** from Board discussions from the December meeting.

#### December 9, 2020

1. *The Minutes from the NFI Membership Meeting held on October 22, 2020 and from the virtual NFI Board of Directors Meeting on November 11<sup>th</sup> were approved.*
2. *A summary of the evaluations from the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting was presented and circulated to the NFI Board of Directors. Discussion ensued on the lessons learned and how best to accommodate both in-person and virtual meetings in the future. The decision on whether to hold the 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting as an in-person meeting will happen in late March.*
3. *The virtual meeting format was well received by the NFI Membership. Interest was expressed in the NFI continuing to create online offerings to raise awareness and offer education throughout the year. The Advancement and Program Committees will explore hosting a webinar or short educational session to coincide with World NIDCAP Month. The Board of Directors will invite members to help with the planning and logistics of online initiatives developed over the year.*

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

Sending Happy New Year Wishes of health and well-being to our entire NFI community,

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