



Dear NIDCAP Community,

What an incredible Third Annual [World NIDCAP Day](#) (WND) and Month! Our members and their hospitals from around the world marked the occasion with all sorts of family and healthcare staff celebrations and tributes. Happenings included: teal cupcakes and cakes, balloons spelling out World NIDCAP Day, WND onesies for families, bridge lightings, NIDCAP information shared and so much more! All month long our incredible social media team of *Fátima Clemente*, *Mandy Daly* and *Jennifer Degl* posted powerful, eloquent and beautiful NIDCAP messages from our group... and Fátima even created a fun video compilation of these images! Please visit our [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#) sites to see our March posts.

There were also LOTS of NFI firsts throughout March!

- We held our **first webinar** – *Heidelise Als' Supporting Parents' Understanding of their Preterm Infants' Behavior* presentation was extremely well-attended and will soon be available via our website.
- We recorded our **first podcasts** – With appreciation to *Jennifer Degl's* securing of funding and leadership to bring this project to fruition. Our first episodes of Season One: *NICU Care with NIDCAP* are now available for listening.
- We completed our **first family resource videos** – With support from Dräger and under the direction of *Jim Helm and Jennifer Degl*, a set of 17 short films on NIDCAP-related topics were produced. The first three will be available on our website within the week.
- We created our **first (and preliminary) Learning Center** – This resource includes videos, podcasts and readings. Over the coming year and beyond, additional online materials will be added, included ones for professionals.

Please check out these offerings (webinar, podcasts, videos and Learning Center) and so much more on our newly updated, redesigned, re-imagined [nidcap.org](http://www.nidcap.org) website!

A separate communication will be sent to NFI Members with instructions for using the new site, including logging in to the Member Services section. Please share with *Sandra Kosta* and me your experiences and impressions of the website. The site will be an ongoing work in-progress and we welcome your participation to further develop pages, resources, etc.

The development of our new website was carefully designed, coded, written and reviewed by many individuals.

- Our site was designed and built by Agency Orange led by Chris Jones, Artin Hovhanesian, William Rieser and with Nick McNeil. The Agency Orange team worked with us very closely and were dedicated to creating a website that was functional, as well as beautiful. Their creativity, problem-solving abilities and programming skills were invaluable for our process and our website product.
- On behalf of the NFI, I wish to extend my very heartfelt appreciation to **Sandra**. Throughout our website formations, Sandra consistently demonstrated an exquisite attention to detail, extensive knowledge of all things NFI, and a resolute care of capturing and sharing our model, goals, training programs, and our voices. We are very well cared for by Sandra's conscientiousness and dedication to the NFI.
- The other members of our core working group were **Gloria McAnulty** and **Jim Helm**. From big picture conceptualizations (ensuring we are best serving our readers) to small details (such as getting PayPal to work) and everything inbetween, Gloria and Jim are invaluable NFI treasures.
- The site received rich, constructive feedback from the **NFI Board of Directors**, **Heidelise Als**, and our Website Development Taskforce of **Nolan Dyck**, **Krystal Johnson**, **Tamara Carson**, **Rodd Hedlund**, **Jennifer Hofherr** and **Nadine Griffiths**.

Continue to share your **World NIDCAP DAY/MONTH** celebrations with us by sending photographs and stories to shareyourstory@nidcap.org. (Please use this email address ONLY). You must have permission for the photograph(s) you send to be shared on our website, social media, newsletter and related NFI educational sites. Photo release form for families is attached.



NIDCAP Updates



The NFI is delighted to announce that **Tomohisa Fujimoto, PT** was recently certified as a **NIDCAP Trainer**. This accomplishment is VERY exciting and means that the *Japan National NIDCAP Training Center* now meets the requirements to open! This event is planned for later in the year. These accomplishments were masterfully supported and guided by *gretchen Lawhon, PhD, RN, FAAN* for the NIDCAP process (NIDCAP Master Trainer from the West Coast NIDCAP & APIB Training) and by *Joy Browne, PhD, CNS, IMH-E (IV)*'s artful APIB Training (Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer & APIB Trainer, from the Australasian NIDCAP Training Center) and *Shohei Ohgi, PhD, RPT* for his ongoing strong leadership. The infants and families throughout Japan and beyond will be well supported by Tomohisa and the Japan team's NIDCAP support.



SAVE THE DATES

32nd Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting

October 20-22, 2021

For our virtual video conference



R3: Research, Read & Review

The NIDCAP and Science Subcommittee shared a review of an article by *Neerja Thergaonkar, PhD*, a psychologist and NIDCAP and Science Subcommittee member from Mumbai, India. The article is entitled *Fathers' and Mothers' Infant Directed Speech Influences Preterm Infant Behavioral State in the NICU* (<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10919-020-00335-1>). Please see the nidcap.org Member Services page for this summary.

News



The EFCNI Recognized the NFI's NIDCAP Nursery Program as a Lighthouse Project. They invited us to submit a guest article, which *Gloria McAnulty, PhD, Heidelise Als, PhD* and I wrote and titled: *Giving the infant a voice: The NIDCAP Nursery Program*. The EFCNI asked us to address the NIDCAP Nursery Program in terms of the following four areas: The idea behind the program and the starting point; How the idea is put into practice; Challenges faced; and Changes achieved.

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 March meeting.

March 10, 2021

- *World NIDCAP Month was reported to be off to a very strong start with the NFI inaugural webinar presented by Dr. H. Als attended by over 1200 people!*
- *Minutes from Board of Directors Conference Call Meetings in January and February 2021 were approved.*
- *Tomohisa Fujimoto PT was approved as a NIDCAP Trainer and the Japan National Training Center was recognized as having met all of the requirements to open. The center's opening is scheduled for later in the year.*
- *The Governance Committee is developing ways to increase NFI Membership, including preparing a brochure advertising benefits. They are also in the process of reviewing and restructuring membership categories.*
- *The Board of Directors was asked to review (1) documents outlining NFI policy for potential NFI sponsors, and (2) the NFI website under development.*



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

Sending very best wishes to everyone,

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