



Our story begins...

with one *remarkable* psychologist with a vision. From there, we have grown into an international, multidisciplinary *extraordinary* community of NIDCAP Professionals, Families and Supporters.

Every day...

in hospitals around the world, our members observe, listen, recommend, support, and guide. Every day, our organization oversees and certifies, ensures training quality, continuity and resources, and grows and supports members.

Here's our challenge...

the need for NIDCAP support and care is greater than ever. To keep up with the demand, the NFI must develop and offer educational and training materials to bring NIDCAP to ever more infants and their families. Developing these resources to bring NIDCAP support and approaches to hospitals globally requires **people power** and **funding** - both of which the NFI VERY much needs.

There are always opportunities...

such as more online ways than ever before to share NIDCAP and its message. Platforms can reach people all around the world, even those with limited access to NIDCAP Training Centers, Trainers and Supporters. The NFI strives to *expand learning opportunities* and *adapt training to changing healthcare settings*. We need your help to develop offerings for our new website's Learning Center... beginning with activities surrounding World NIDCAP Month's first ever virtual Benefit Gala!



WORLD NIDCAP Day (WND)

Month of March / March 20th



GOAL

All throughout March, the NFI community honors newborns and young infants who are or have been hospitalized, their families, and the nursery staff and hospitals around the world who care for them.

SUGGESTIONS

- Promote NIDCAP, WND & our Benefit Gala
- Wear Teal Clothing
- Hold Family and Healthcare Team Teas
- Celebrate NIDCAP Team's Accomplishments
- Light Local Landmarks and Bridges in Teal

RESOURCES

- Share our 4th Annual Poster of NIDCAP Around the World
If you have not sent us your photograph yet, please do! As always, be sure you have permissions to share images (Release Form attached) and only use shareyourstory@nidcap.org for submissions.
- Download WND materials from [our website](#)

INVITATION TO SHARE

- Post WND activities on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn with #nidcapfederationinternational / #worldNIDCAPday / #nidcappartneringwithfamilies
- Send Photos and Stories for Posting on nidcap.org to shareyourstory@nidcap.org (please only use this email for submissions and be sure you have permissions to share images)

NFI BENEFIT GALA

Sunday, March 20th • 8 pm (everywhere)



GOALS

With our first ever virtual NFI Benefit Gala, we will introduce NIDCAP, and the NFI, to many **new people** to the work that we do and its critical importance, **increasing our membership** and **raising funds** along the way.

We are fundraising to raise money to develop educational and training resources for our new online NFI Learning Center.

WAYS to PARTICIPATE

- Buy a Ticket to Attend the Benefit Gala
- Invite others to Buy Tickets to the Benefit Gala
- Purchase Raffle Tickets
- Donate to the NFI

THROUGHOUT MARCH 20 for 20 CHALLENGES

Inspired by our NFI 20th Anniversary, we are planning to invite you to friendly competitions across NIDCAP Training Centers and/or as individual members

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In the coming weeks, we will share the link for our Benefit Gala site with you. Please check it out, register for our event and participate in NFI challenges, raffles and more!

Please contact [info@nidcap.org](mailto:info@nidcap.org) with questions and ideas.

Here's to ever more people joining us and ever more ways to share NIDCAP to improve the future for infants and their families.

## NFI Updates & News



NIDCAP TRAINING CENTERS WORLDWIDE



### NIDCAP Updates



#### New NIDCAP Trainer and NIDCAP Training Center

The NFI is so very pleased that *Ana Riverola, MD, PhD* was certified as a NIDCAP Trainer. With this exciting development, the Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona NIDCAP Training Center has been established. Ana and the new center's training journey was guided by Senior Master NIDCAP Trainer, *Graciela Basso, MD, PhD* (Director of the Centro Latinoamericano NIDCAP). Ana was also supported by *Josep Perapoch, MD*, (NIDCAP Trainer and Director of the Barcelona NIDCAP Training Center: Vall d'Hebron and Dr Josep Trueta Hospitals) and others from the Spanish hospitals.

A very warm welcome to Ana and Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona!

#### NFI Blog Submission Invitation

The NFI is re-starting our Blog posts. Everyone is invited to share short submissions. What accomplishment, initiative, and/or project from the past 20 years can you write about to help us celebrate 20 years of the NFI? We want to highlight and celebrate you and your efforts.



### NFI 20th Anniversary Celebration Blog Post Form

The NFI invites each of you to share a short description about something, of which, you/your training center or hospital is particularly proud. What accomplishment, initiative, or project from any of these last 20 years can you share to help us celebrate our shared Vision of "a global society in which all hospitalized newborns and their families receive care in the NIDCAP model"? We want to highlight and celebrate YOU!

If you have any questions before completing the form, please contact Jennifer Degl (NFI Board Member and co-chair of the Advancement Committee (at [jenniferdegl@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferdegl@gmail.com)).

Our goal is for every NIDCAP Training Center to submit at least one accomplishment.

Please use the Google Form link below to submit your blog post:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1kHxUhHY4fvvJekPhonKDYBMaweD-FQAqga210jRp8cY/edit>

If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Degl ([jenniferdegl@gmail.com](mailto:jenniferdegl@gmail.com)).



### 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting/ Evaluation of the NIDCAP Nursery Program Session

The 2021 NIDCAP Nursery Program held a session entitled *Nurturing and Sustaining High Quality Nursery Care through NIDCAP Nursery Certification Renewal*. The reviews of the session were resoundingly positive. When asked if the session met participants expectations, 55% Strongly Agreed and 42% Agreed. One participant wrote that this was *best NIDCAP Nursery Program workshop ever*. Watch the website for a complete summary of this session.

Plans for the 2022 NIDCAP Nursery Program workshop are underway. Please reach out to Rodd Hedlund, MEd ([nidcapnurserydirector@nidcap.org](mailto:nidcapnurserydirector@nidcap.org)) with suggestions of what you would like to see included.

## NIDCAP-Related News



### Conference

NFI Vice President & Senior NIDCAP Trainer, *Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN, FAAN* is the Guest Speaker for the upcoming online NEANN (New England Association of Neonatal Nurses) Leadership Collaborative on February 11 at 1 pm EST. Dorothy will speak on *Caring for newborns and their families during unprecedented times*. "Any nurse serving in a position of formal or informal NICU leadership is invited to attend." Please see the [NEANN conference site](#) for more information.



## Conference

The 2022 *Conference on Ultra-Early Intervention* will be a hybrid meeting hosted by the NIDCAP Centers at Karolinska and Lund-Malmö, Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is entitled *Epigenetic science and nurturing care for newborn infants*. There are two parts planned. The first half of the program will include “an historic reflection on NIDCAP in Sweden, and visions for NIDCAP for all hospitalized newborn infants and visions for the new Lund-Malmö NIDCAP Training and Research Center that will formally be inaugurated and celebrated.” The second part of the day “is on epigenetic science and nurturing care for newborn infants - an interesting field that could be valuable for NIDCAP research.”

Register by March 14<sup>th</sup> at <https://bit.ly/3H1i8Ta>

For questions about the conference:

[nidcap.sus@skane.se](mailto:nidcap.sus@skane.se)

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## eLearning Program

The Australasian NIDCAP training Centre announced the launch of *First Steps in Family and Infant Neurodevelopmental Education*. This eLearning program is offered as part of the tiered FINE education programs. It consists of self-assessment activities, information, videos, and interactive activities. The program can be accessed through this link: <https://schp.org.au/fineaustralia>

## NFI Board of Directors

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#### 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 the December Board Meeting discussions.

January 12, 2022



NFI FY 2021-22 Board Members & Executive Council

- *The Minutes from the December 8<sup>th</sup> Board of Directors meeting were approved.*
- *The possibility of an in-person meeting in the spring/summer was explored.*
- *A consultative session with Mary Hiland, PhD for Board Development is being arranged.*
- *The Advancement Committee provided an update on the plans for a Virtual Gala to celebrate World NIDCAP Day and the NFI's 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in March.*
- *The applications for Ana Riverola, MD, PhD to be recognized as a NIDCAP Trainer and the Sant Joan de Déu Barcelona St. Joao to become a NIDCAP Training Center were approved.*

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

Sending Happy World NIDCAP Day/Gala planning wishes to everyone,

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