

Dear NFI Friends,

In so many ways, you change hearts, minds, and practices within healthcare to bring NIDCAP to infants and their families. Though inspiring change can be hard - Even with a solid theoretical basis – Even with an evidence-based model - Even with years of implementation experience. It takes courage. It takes conviction. It takes creativity. It takes your energy.

Next month, we will honor NIDCAP and one another as we tirelessly work to improve the future for infants and their families, and the healthcare teams who care for them. So while you draw from your inner strength, your knowledge, and your experience, know that you belong to this exciting community of healthcare professionals, family advocates and supporters - who are doing the same. There is satisfaction and joy, individually and collectively, in making the world a brighter place. Let's celebrate our efforts near and far!



World NIDCAP Day and Month

20 March 2024

Throughout March and especially on March 20th (**World NIDCAP Day**), you are invited to honor NIDCAP, its reach and its potential.

Within **your hospitals, in your towns and cities and countries**

- Light a local landmark or a bridge in teal
- Hold family and professional caregiver events
- Order and share items from our NFI Online Store (watch for the online opening very soon)
- Other ways!

And as part of **our international NFI celebration**, share:

- Short NIDCAP videos to be posted on March 20th
- Annual NIDCAP Care Around the World Poster
- NFI Learning Center and NFI Speakers Bureau (to be launched next month)

Please visit **our website** for information, resources and ideas for how to participate in this international celebration.

World NIDCAP Day



World Prematurity Day and NIDCAP Day Posters
2014 - 2023

Request for NIDCAP Care Photograph

Please join us for our **TENTH** annual *NIDCAP Care Around the World* poster to help raise awareness of the importance of NIDCAP.

NFI members from around the world are invited to send a photograph of NIDCAP care for inclusion in our 2024 **World NIDCAP Day** poster.

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. 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.

Please send us your photo by **NOW!**

NFI & NIDCAP UPDATES



IN SWEDEN:

NEW NIDCAP TRAINER

Pernilla Stenman, RN was recognized as a new NIDCAP Trainer. She is affiliated with the Lund-Malmö NIDCAP Training & Research Center in Sweden and joins *Stina Klemming, MD* as the second trainer for their training center. This accomplishment was supported by Elisabeth Olhager, MD, PhD (Training Center Director), Stina Klemming, MD (Co-Director and Trainer), Jessica Jubner, RN (Nursing Director), Kristbjörg Sveinsdottir, MD (Medical Director), Johanna Månsson, PsD, PhD (Psychologist), Center Board Members and and many others!

Many, many congratulations to Pernilla, to her trainers (*Agneta Kleberg, PhD, RN*, Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer from the Karolinska NIDCAP Training and Research Center), *Nikk Conneman, MD* (NIDCAP Master and APIB Trainer from the Rotterdam NIDCAP & APIB Training Center, Netherlands)... and everyone from the Lund-Malmö Team!



IN FRANCE:

NEW NIDCAP TRAINER and NIDCAP TRAINING CENTER

Aurélie Guillou, RN was recognized as a new NIDCAP Trainer and the **Saint Briec NIDCAP Training Center in France** as a certified NIDCAP Training Center! The new center is based at the Saint Briec - Paimpol -Treguier Hospital Center. The NIDCAP Training Center's leadership includes: Dr. Marie-Cécile Andro-Garcon (Director), Dr. Marie Bey (Head Doctor Woman-Child Center), Mrs. Frédérique Domalain (Coordinator Head Nurse/Woman-Child Center), Mrs. Anne Le Roux (Director/Woman-Child Center) and Mrs. Elisabeth Guillemain (General Care

Coordinator). As part of these accomplishments Aurélie Le Clec'h and Manuella Coer were mentored by Delphine to become NIDCAP Professionals.

These accomplishments were supported by *Delphine Druart, RN* from The Brussels NIDCAP Training Center, Belgium who in turn was mentored in her Master NIDCAP Trainer in Training role by *Agneta Kleberg, PhD, RN* (Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer from the Karolinska NIDCAP Training and Research Center) and *Deborah Buehler, PhD* (Master NIDCAP and Master APiB Trainer in Training from the West Coast NIDCAP and APiB Training Center at University of California San Francisco School of Medicine).

Please join us in congratulating Aurélie, the Saint Brieuc Team, and their supporters, for these wonderful achievements improving the future for infants and their families in hospitals.



IN THE UNITED STATES:

NEW SENIOR MASTER NIDCAP TRAINER

gretchen Lawhon, PhD, RN, FAAN was acknowledged as a Senior Master NIDCAP Trainer. This is a recognition for her decades-long dedication, insight, and creativity to the creation and implementation of NIDCAP's model, caregiving approach and interrelated training program. Program Committee Chair, *Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN, FAAN*, wrote that *gretchen's commitment to the NIDCAP Training process provides significant assurance to the NFI for securing the future of NIDCAP & APiB Training processes and therewith for the continued improvement in outcomes for newborns and their families in hospital settings.*



DANISH NIDCAP TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER, COPENHAGEN

OFFICIALLY OPENS

Danish NIDCAP Training and Development Center, Copenhagen held a celebratory opening on the 26th of January. The day was filled with an exciting program including presentations from: the Training Center Medical Director, *Morten Breindahl, MD* and Training Center Nursing Director *Sanne Alderman Beck, RN's* welcoming everyone to the opening; newly certified NIDCAP Trainer, *Jannie Haaber, RN's* "A NIDCAP trainer's travel"; Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer, *Agneta Kleberg PhD's* "NIDCAP in Europe and Denmark" with a standing ovation for her years of mentorship and support, NIDCAP Master Trainer and APIB Trainer; *Nikk Conneman MD's* thoughtful "Challenges during NIDCAP and APIB implementation in clinical practice"; NIDCAP Trainer, *Stina Klemming, MD's* inspirational "Immediate skin-to-skin contact and Mother-Newborn Couplet Care for zero separation also for sick and preterm infants"; and NFI President, *Deborah Buehler PhD's* welcoming of the new training center. The program ended with Merete Lange and Mette Friis, Head and Vice-Head of the Juliane Marie Centre, Rigshospitalet, leading a happy ribbon-cutting ceremony marking the official opening and then a warm, joyful reception for all.

Join an NFI Committee

It's a new year... please consider joining an NFI committee. If you are interested in learning about ways to participate, please

NFI Organization

*The NFI improves the future
for all infants in hospitals and their families
with individualized, developmental,
family-centered, research-based NIDCAP care.*



NFI Board of Directors and Members 2024

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly via Zoom and met in-person around the time of the Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting. Below are highlights from the Minutes of the recent January video conference. The full NFI Board of Director and Membership Meeting Minutes (when available) are posted within our website's Membership Section.

Highlights from the January 10th Meeting

- A Membership Forum was held just before the meeting.
- Minutes from the December 2023 Board Meeting were approved.
- Pernilla Stenman, RN was recognized as a new NIDCAP Trainer affiliated with the Lund-Malmö NIDCAP Training & Research Center in Sweden.
- Aurélie Guillou, RN was recognized as a new NIDCAP Trainer and the Saint Briec NIDCAP Training Center in France as a certified NIDCAP Training Center.
- gretchen Lawhon, PhD, RN, FAAN was acknowledged as a Senior Master NIDCAP Trainer.
- The NFI budget for FY 2024 was approved as recently revised.

Your feedback, questions,
comments, NFI updates, and
membership news written to me personally



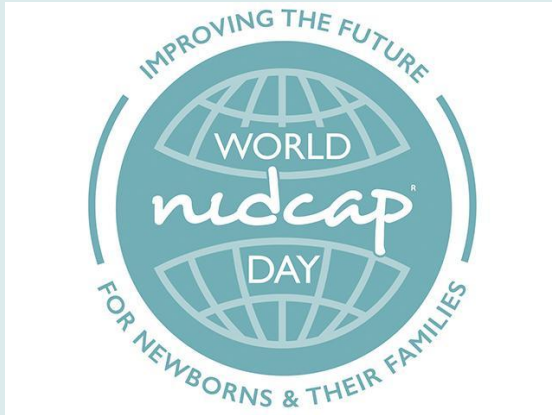
and/or to the whole board, are welcome.

Warm **NFI** wishes to all,

Deborah

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