

A prism splitting white light into the color spectrum. (Image credit: artpartner-images via Getty Images)

Warm 2024 Greetings NFI Community,

NIDCAP is about being a light and supporting others to find theirs. The new year can be a time for reflection (although in our work... reflection is really an all year long practice!). May you find strength, inspiration, meaning, and joy in the coming year. May your connections with our community, support your sense of purpose and fulfillment, personally and professionally.

NIDCAP inspires hearts and imaginations all around the world. As we begin 2024, NIDCAP education, training, support and care is flourishing. We are growing our capacity to support and train others all time. Last month, we grew by two new trainers in training... This month we have added two trainers. And there will be more trainer accomplishments to report next month! Our NIDCAP and APIB Trainers and Training Centers nurture understanding and implementation.

Mark your calendars for upcoming NFI happenings. Early in January, we will hold a virtual membership discussion to hear your thoughts and recommendations and discuss upcoming NFI plans. March is just around the corner where we will celebrate and honor NIDCAP, its reach and its potential. Details below.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Membership Forum

10 January 2024
1 - 1:45 pm EST

The NFI will hold a virtual meeting for NFI Members and Directors of the Board to share updates and to invite questions and comments. This format will be repeated over the year to support the NFI's communication and growth. Please join us!

Member Forum Zoom
Link



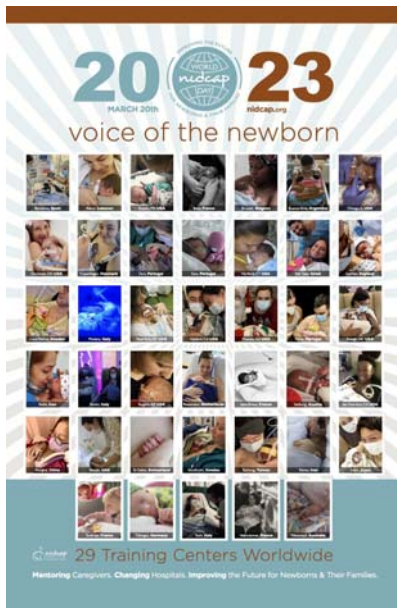
World NIDCAP Day

20 March 2024

In honor of this day (and month!), the NFI invites you to honor newborns and infants who have been hospitalized, their families, and the nursery staff and hospitals around the world who care for them.

Light a local landmark or a bridge... hold family and professional caregiver events... how will you honor NIDCAP in March? Please visit [our website](#) for information, resources and ideas for how to participate in this international celebration. Check back for updates in the new year.

World NIDCAP Day



Request for NIDCAP Care Photograph

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 a photo by **MONDAY, JANUARY 22th**.

NFI & NIDCAP UPDATES



IN JAPAN:

NEW NIDCAP TRAINERS

Exciting developments happened in Japan last month! **Noriko Moriguchi, MSN RN, PHN, IBCLC** and **Kanako Uchiumi, RN** were certified as the NFI's newest NIDCAP Trainers. They are affiliated with the Japan National NIDCAP Center in Tokyo, Japan. These accomplishments were supported by the vision, leadership and commitment of **Shohei Ohgi, PhD, RPT**.

Tremendous appreciations for the training, mentorship, and support magnificently and expertly provided by **gretchen Lawhon, PhD, RN, FAAN**, NIDCAP Master Trainer affiliated with the West Coast NIDCAP & APIB Training Center and **Joy Browne, PhD, PCNS-BC, IMH**



(IV) Clinical Mentor Senior NIDCAP Master Trainer & APiB Trainer affiliated with the Australasian NIDCAP Training Center in the Grace Centre for Newborn Intensive Care, Sydney Children's Hospitals Network, Westmead, Australia.

The future is brighter for infants and families throughout Japan and beyond with these NIDCAP developments.



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 use the QR code on the left to fill out our Interest Form or email **Jennifer Degl** (jenniferdegl@gmail.com). Note: if you have already done this... committee chairs will be contacting you soon!

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 2023

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 December 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 December 6th Meeting

- Minutes from September, October and November were approved.
- Noriko Moriguchi, MSN RN, PHN, IBCLC and Kanako Uchiumi, RN were recognized as new NIDCAP Trainers affiliated with the Japan National NIDCAP Center in Tokyo, Japan.
- Ana Morillo, MD and Thais Agut, MD were approved as NIDCAP Trainers in Training from Sant Joan de Deu Hospital, Barcelona, Spain.
- The NFI budget for FY 2024 was approved.
- Plans were discussed for the January 10, 2024 Membership Forum.



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,

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