

Dear NFI Community,

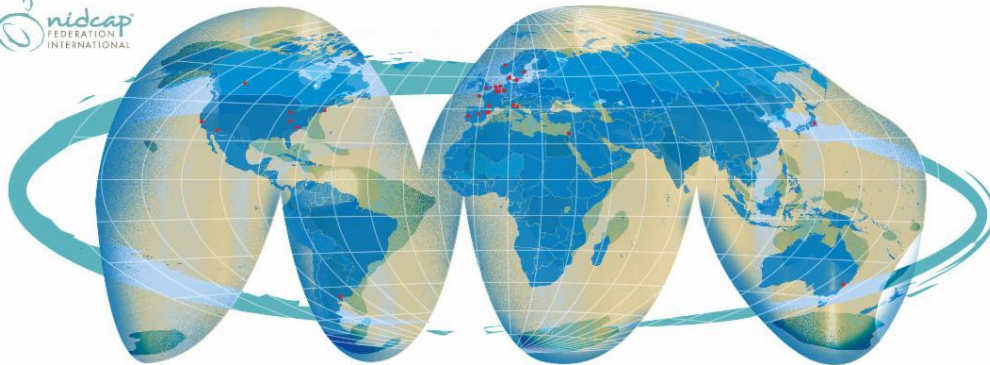
Thirty-five years! That is how long we have been meeting together as a NIDCAP Training Center and supporters group. During our recent NFI Membership Forum, one member said *I'm really looking forward to the Trainers Meeting, to meet you again, to be inspired, and "to fill my cup."* That's a really powerful part of the Trainers Meeting.

Thirty-five year anniversaries symbolize longevity and successfulness. That is most fitting! So much history, creativity, and accomplishment by our NFI members... and so much continuing to unfold. Here's to nurturing our community and to continuing to create the NFI and NIDCAP's philosophies, care practices, and training programs now and for the future.

## NFI Updates & News



NIDCAP TRAINING CENTERS WORLDWIDE



## Conference

**Register Now**  
**One-Day Hybrid Conference**  
**7 November 2024**

**OPEN ONE-DAY CONFERENCE**  
 Thursday, November 7, 08:00-18:30 CET  
 Centre de Congrès Pierre Baudis  
 Toulouse, France  
 Hybrid Meeting

**SPEAKERS**  
 Deborah Suehler, PhD  
 Adrien Taccout  
 Nola Baschet, MD  
 Delphine Desart, RN  
 Montague Florman, MSc  
 Aurore Guillou, RN  
 Peggy Laurent, RN  
 Kelly Johnson, RN, RM, LC  
 Paule Rabin, MD  
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 Debra Paul, OTR  
 Charlotte Tschering, MD  
 Dorothy Vittner, PhD, RN, FAAN

Thursday  
 November 7  
 2024

**SAVE  
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 DATE**

12ème  
 Journées  
 Francophones  
 NIDCAP

**Open One-Day Conference**  
 NIDCAP: Systems Integration at  
 Local, Regional and National Levels

This conference is being held on the last day of the 35th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting and the first day of the 22ème Journées Francophones NIDCAP. The purpose of the meeting is to equip the teams with the knowledge to provide high level and evidence-based, developmentally supportive care to hospitalized infants and their families.

Visit our conference page for details:  
[nidcap.org/7nov2024](http://nidcap.org/7nov2024)

This conference is an opportunity to network with NIDCAP Trainers, Professionals and Supporters of NIDCAP Care from around the world who will convene to discuss issues around optimizing preterm and term infant care through the NIDCAP approach. Our focus this year will be on systems integration of NIDCAP within hospitals as well as at the regional and national levels.

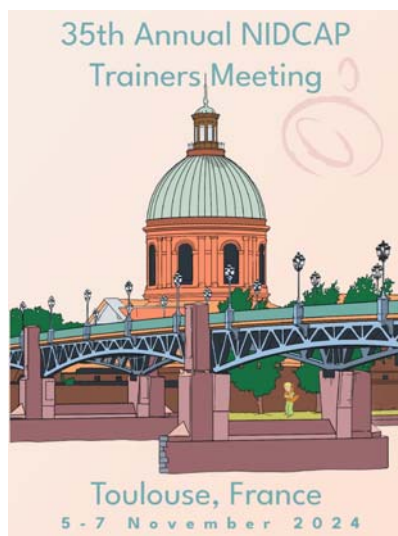
Continuing education credits will be available for RNs.

Click the button below to access our conference page to view the program and other details.

We look forward to seeing you!

[Conference & Registration Details](#)

**Please share this announcement with colleagues and friends.  
 Thank you.**



**Register Now**

## 35th Annual NIDCAP Trainers Meeting

*NIDCAP: Systems Integration at the Local, Regional and National Levels*

**5 - 7 November 2024  
 Toulouse, France**

Open One-Day Conference  
 November 7 (8:00-18:30 CET)

See meeting invitation  
 for details.

*(Invitations were sent June 17)*

## NFI Happening



### Board of Directors Election

Voting begins soon! Watch for an email with online voting instructions and please vote in the upcoming election.

*Professional, Family and Retired Members* are eligible to vote.

**Contact *Dalia***

***Silberstein*** ([daliasil1960@gmail.com](mailto:daliasil1960@gmail.com)), on behalf of the Governance Committee with questions.

## NFI Member Initiative



### Skin to Skin Contact from Birth From Sweden

New support for skin to skin holding practices is available. This initiative was facilitated by Sofia Arwehed and Stina Klemming, MD and developed by a group of representatives from the whole maternal health care chain (maternity care, aftercare, neonatal care, anesthesia, surgery and intensive care).

From Stina: *The goal is that new mothers and their newborn children are cared for together directly from birth and initially in skin-to-skin contact, if possible unbroken for at least the first two hours and afterwards as much as possible. This applies regardless of the nursing need, the length of pregnancy and the condition of the mother and child. For immediate skin-to-skin contact immediately at birth, there is scientific basis and experience for children born from week 28 of pregnancy and approximately 1000 grams.*

Skin to Skin Contact from Birth

# NIDCAP-Related Events



## 2024 World Prematurity Day 17 November

Supported by the **NFI**

From the European Foundation for the Care of Newborn Infants' (EFCNI):

**Over 13 million babies born too soon every year.**

**Access to quality care everywhere!**

The EFCNI (developed with their international Parent and Patient Advisory Board and global WPD planning group) are highlighting *the urgent need for universal access to high-quality healthcare for all preterm babies, no matter where, when, or how they are born. What is more, it is also a call to action to improve maternal care, ensuring that both mothers and babies receive the support and medical attention they need.*

Everyone is warmly invited to join this day with activities or events: parent organizations, hospitals, non-profit organizations, healthcare professionals, societies, companies, politicians, media, and individuals.

Please click on the link below for materials (such as logo badges, social media graphics and banners) and a **Social Media Toolkit** for your WorldPrematurity Day campaign.

[World Prematurity Day](#)

## World Prematurity Day Neonatal Symposium 15 November

The Irish Neonatal Health Alliance is holding a virtual conference on Friday, November 15th 2024 from 9.30 am until 1.30pm. with

**World Prematurity Day 17 November**

*7 baby in 10 is born premature. Worldwide.*

**16th World Prematurity Day, Friday 15th November 2024  
Virtual Online Conference**

AGENDA		
8.30am - 9.30am	Welcome and Networking	NIWA and TenixLife
9.30am - 10.15am	Pain Points: Understanding Signs and Pain Assessment in Neonates	Madeline Griffiths, Clinical Nurse Consultant, Senior NICAP Nurse, Grace Centre for Neonatal Intensive Care, Spire Children's Hospital Network (Westmead), Australia
10.15am - 10.45am	Interplay Between Social Environment & Outcome: Reappraising High Risk	Prof. Deirdre Murray, Chair of Early Brain Injury and Cerebral Palsy, University College Cork, Ireland
10.45am - 10.55am	COMFORT BREAK	
10.55am - 11.30 am	The Impact of Pain and Sedation On Neurodevelopmental Outcomes	Dr. Wito Gerdes, PhD, Medical University of Vienna, Austria
11.30am - 12.05pm	The Neuroprotection of Oral Enzymes by Offering Milk Drops	Barb O'Rourke, RN NIC TPN, Blank Children's Hospital, San Marcos, CA, USA
12.05pm - 12.15pm	COMFORT BREAK	
12.15pm - 12.30pm	Optimizing Outcomes For Extremely Preterm Infants - The Iowa Experience	Prof. Patrick McManera, Neonatology Division Director, Professor of Cardiovascular Medicine, University of Iowa, USA
12.30pm - 1.00pm	Close	NIWA and TenixLife
1.00 - 1.30	Online Networking Opportunity for Attendees	

**REGISTER HERE** [To register for this free virtual conference, please follow the link below: World Prematurity Day Neonatal Symposium Tickets, Friday 15 Nov 2024 at 09:00 | Eventbrite](#)

speakers from the USA, Australia, Europe and Ireland.

Please click on this link to register to attend.

**World Prematurity Day Neonatal Symposium**

## NFI Endorsements

Please share conferences, meetings, and materials for NFI endorsement. Endorsements will be shared with our members and announcements posted on [nidcap.org](http://nidcap.org) and on our social media channels. Requests may be sent to [shareyourstory@nidcap.org](mailto:shareyourstory@nidcap.org).

## NFI Partnership



# FAMILY-CENTERED CARE TASKFORCE

THE **FIRST** INTERNATIONAL, MULTICENTER, COLLABORATIVE INITIATIVE SOLELY DEDICATED TO **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN NICU FAMILY-CENTERED CARE**

## WHAT IS FAMILY-CENTERED CARE?

Family-Centered Care (FCC) ensures that caregivers are active, engaged team members throughout their NICU journey, and is a key factor in improving infant health and family mental health outcomes.

## OUR NETWORK

1400+ members across 48/50 U.S. States & Puerto Rico, 8/10 Canadian Provinces, and 57 Countries



## WHY WE EXIST

**We exist to equip and support NICUs as they seek to begin or strengthen Family-Centered Care in their units.**

To address the challenges that exist in implementing FCC practices, we offer free educational webinars with engaging, live Q&A sessions and free monthly office hours sessions.

**Our key strength is equal partnership between healthcare professionals and family partners in everything we do.**

In a survey of 48 NICUs across the U.S., 65% said they don't have an FCC Committee in their unit.

Does your NICU currently have an FCC Committee?



## MEMBERSHIP

Join us to get access to our free educational webinars, quarterly newsletter with actionable takeaways for implementing & strengthening FCC in your NICU, and invitations to monthly Office Hours sessions! **Membership is free!**



Visit our website, [fctaskforce.org](http://fctaskforce.org) to learn more!

## HOW DO YOU KNOW YOU'RE TRULY DELIVERING FCC IN YOUR NICU?

FCC Taskforce family partners and multidisciplinary healthcare professionals put together a **survey to pilot FCC measures in the NICU**. To learn more, scan the QR Code to view a brief video.



To receive the survey link, scan the QR Code. Once the survey is completed, you'll receive results and a copy of your responses automatically with the option to review them with FCC Taskforce leadership. You'll also have the opportunity to collaborate with other NICUs to join topic-specific quality improvement work.



## Family Centered Care (FCC) Taskforce Resources and Survey Invitation

The NFI's organizational partner, the FCC Taskforce invites you to join their Taskforce, office hours and webinars. They write that they *need more FCC ambassadors to make a difference*.

The graphic above describes their work, and invitations to become members and to participate in an FCC NICU delivery survey. This survey (developed by their leadership of family partners and multidisciplinary healthcare professionals) is to learn the current practices of FCC from a number of perspectives, likely for benchmarking. Please share this information and links below with your unit's clinical leader, medical director, or FCC champion.

[FCC Taskforce Short Video](#)

[FCC Taskforce Survey Link Request](#)



## NFI Board of Directors and Members 2024

The Board of Directors continues to meet monthly via Zoom. The full NFI Board of Director and Membership Meeting Minutes (when available) are posted within our website's Membership Section.

*Highlights from the video conference call meeting on Wednesday, September 11, 2024:*

- The Board of Directors discussed the two recent Membership Forum sessions. It was tentatively decided to schedule three virtual Membership Forum dates in 2025.
- The NFI is in the process of writing a position statement with the NICU Parent Network (NPN). D. Buehler and D. Vittner (NFI) and J. Degl (NFI/NPN) are collaborating on behalf of the NFI.
- The recently created NFI Speakers Bureau is now active. D. Buehler asked for suggestions on how to review and accept future speaker applications to join.
- The Board of Directors discussed planning for their "NFI Next Steps" workshop for the NIDCAP Trainers Meeting.



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

Warm **NIDCAP** wishes,

Deborah

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**Improving** the Futures for Newborns and Their Families.

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