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Event Description:

The Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Initiative is excited to announce a virtual training series about Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health in honor of Mental Health Awareness Month in May. This month will feature a series of virtual events throughout the month of May to raise awareness and offer educational opportunities for professionals working with children 0-6 and their families. The intent of this event is to support Virginia’s unified workforce supporting Virginia’s youngest citizens, and other stakeholders across the Commonwealth. During the tumultuous time of the pandemic, our community has focused on the crisis that our children and professionals have faced for nearly three years. Our goal is to continue advocating for this critical workforce (early childhood mental health professionals, early interventionists, and early childhood educators, home visiting professionals, families, and caregivers) through awareness and education.
Week 1: Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health

5/2 Keynote: Nurturing Resilience in Young Children, Dr. Robert Brooks, 1:00-2:00

5/2 Supporting the IECMH Community, Sharon Veatch, 2:15-3:15

5/3 Keynote: Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health: A Tool for Social Justice Tracy Walters, 12:00-1:00

5/5 Virginia’s Infant Mental Health Endorsement, Pam Booker, 12:00-1:00

5/6 The Impact of the Natural World on Children’s Mental Health, Mary Thornton and Tracy Walters, 12:00-1:00

5/6 The Magic of Regulation and Co-Regulation, Tamara Coyle, 2:00-3:00
Week 2: Screening and Assessment

5/9 Understanding and Collaborating with Part C Early Intervention, Cori Hill and Lisa Terry, 1:00 - 2:00

5/10 Introduction to the Environmental Screening Questionnaire: ESQ, Jane Squires & Jacqui Lichtenstein, 12:00-1:00

5/10 An Overview of the ASQ-3 and ASQ- SE, Yolanda Richey, 2:00-3:00

5/12 Preventing the MisMeasure of Young Children: The Authentic Assessment Alternative for Early Childhood Intervention, Stephen Bagnato, 12:00-1:00

5/12 Una Descripción General del ASQ-3 y el SE-2, Maria Ballvian Isabel, 2:00 - 3:00

5/13 Using "Learn the Signs. Act Early" resources with families to support the social and emotional development of young children, Deana Buck, 1:00-2:00
Week 3: Partnering With Parents

5/16 Partnering with Parents-PIWI 101, Tweety Yeats, 1:00-2:00

5/17 The Karma of Pregnancy: Consequences Beyond the Womb, Dr. Susan Lanni, 1:00-2:00

5/18 What Professionals Need to Know About Postpartum, Telisha Woodfin, 1:00-2:00


5/19 Why Touch Matters, Linda Storm, 2:00-3:00

5/20 Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders: What we all should know?, Mara Watts, 12:00-1:00
Week 4: Culturally Responsive Practices

5/23 Immersion in Self-Nurturing and Stress Reduction, Diana Bermudez, 10:30-11:30

5/23 El Auto-cuidado y manejo del estres para educadoras/es, Diana Bermudez, 12:00-1:00

5/23 ACEs and Relational Health, Keith Cartwright, 2:00-3:00

5/24 When is a language delay not a delay?: Understanding and Supporting English Learners and Their Families, Andrea Martens, 12:00-1:00

5/24 Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion in Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Bari Kraus 2:00-3:00

5/25 **Keynote**: Providing Equitable Learning Opportunities for All Learners: Centering Anti-Bias and Culturally Responsive Practices, Iheoma U. Iruka, 12:00-1:30

5/26 #HomeVisitingWorks, Laurel Aparicio, 12:00-1:00

5/26 Center for Family Involvement, Patrice Beard, 2:00-3:00
Week 5: Early Childhood Policy

5/31 Promoting Young Children’s Healthy Social-Emotional Development Across the Commonwealth: Virginia's Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Program Pilot, Tamilah Richardson, 12:00-1:00

5/31 Early Childhood + Mental Health Policy Wins, Emily Griffey, 2:00-3:00

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