

# 11th Annual Conference on Infant Mental Health **Early Childhood Partnerships Working Across Systems to Support Families with Young Children**



## Friday, August 14, 2009

8:30	Check In/Register
9:00	Welcome
9:15	Keynote
Noon	Lunch (on your own)
1:15	Break Outs A, B
2:45	Break
3:00	Break Outs C, D
4:30	Close

## Conference location:

Riley Outpatient Center  
Ruth Lilly Auditorium  
Indianapolis, Indiana  
Click [www.rileyhospital.org](http://www.rileyhospital.org)  
for map & directions

### Keynote

#### **Infusing Mental Health into an Early Childhood System of Care**, *Charlie Biss, MSW*

Systems of Care is a framework for coordinating services and supports for families with youth that have significant mental health challenges. Within the field of early childhood, families may be experiencing complex challenges in the medical, developmental, educational and mental health domains. A systems of care that seeks to help families at the service delivery level as well as at a systems level is often needed. This presentation will chronicle the state of Vermont's 15 year journey in bringing this goal to fruition. Additionally, insights into how to engage partners, who the partners should be, what services are critical and how to fund such a system will be discussed.

**Charlie Biss** has worked in the Vermont Department of Mental Health as Children's Mental Health Director for the past 16 years. He has 36 years of Human Services experience as a clinician, local program developer, and a state level implementer of systems of care. As project director and/or Principal Investigator, he has secured many public and private grants to develop and sustain statewide systems of care for very young children, school age children, and transition-aged young adults. His personal and professional experience has taught him the importance of consumer and family involvement, building local community-based services and supports, and focusing on prevention and early intervention. Charlie has an MSW from SUNY Albany. Charlie has lived in Vermont for the past 30 years and is married with four children.

### Break Outs

#### **A: Hearing the Voices of Family and Education Partners in an Early Childhood Systems of Care**, *Charlie Biss, MSW*

This presentation will focus on how to engage and sustain involvement in two critical stakeholders in an early childhood systems of care, families and education. The unique as well as related strategies for accomplishing this mission that the State of Vermont has learned will be shared.

#### **B: Psychoactive Medication in the Very Young: Practices and Practice Parameters**, *Matthew R. Galvin, MD*

The presentation will be devoted to current clinical considerations and cautions in the use of prescription psychotropic medications and selected current alternative nonprescription remedies for children five years of age and younger. Issues related to 'ethics and the prescription pad' such as ensuring informed consent or refusal from legal guardians and seeking informed assent from the child will be highlighted. The proposed questions for discussion among participants will be: "Does a relative contraindication for use of any (or at least some) psychoactive medications in very young children seem to govern actual local practice? Should it?"

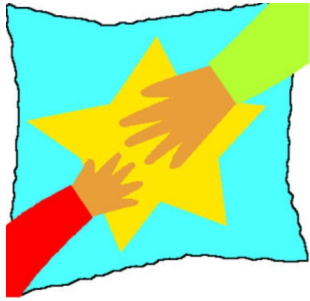
#### **C: Infusing Family Voice and Choice Into a Systems of Care: The Real Meaning of Family Driven**, *Stacey Cornett, LCSW, IMH-IV serves as the Clinical Director of One Community...One Family, a Federally Funded Systems of Care in Southeastern IN*

Stacey will join with Kathy Riley, Family Advocate for One Community...One Family in a discussion regarding the true meaning of *Family Driven* at all levels of Systems of Care development and functioning. Ms. Riley will discuss the significance of this key component and how it relates to Early Childhood Mental Health concerns from a parent perspective.

#### **D: Community Based Services for Children in Child Care: Accessing Multiple Services Through Your Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies (CCR&R)**, *Lisa Henley, Director of Child Care Quality Initiatives with the Indiana Association for Child Care Resource and Referral (IACCRR); Renée Kinder, Program Director of Indiana Partnership for Inclusive Child Care with the Indiana Association of Child Care Resource and Referral*

This session will share the multiple services that families, child care providers and community members can access through their local child care resource and referral agency (CCR&R) including finding appropriate child care, training, technical assistance and linkages to resources. Special emphasis will be placed upon the services for infants and toddlers through the Better Baby Care Indiana project including specialized social and emotional training and technical assistance.

**Mental Health Consultation in Child Care**, *Janice Englander Katz, Ph.D., HSPP, Clinical Psychologist, Founder and President, Imagination Station*  
Dr. Katz will discuss her experiences in providing mental health consultation in child care programs.



## Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health

### Conference Accreditation

Social workers, marriage and family therapists as well as mental health counselors may receive 6 hours of continuing education credits; psychologists may receive 6 hours of Category I credits and First Steps providers may receive 6 credit hours.

### About IAITMH

The Indiana Association for Infant and Toddler Mental Health (IAITMH) is an inclusive group of individuals, family members, caregivers, professionals, and agencies who collectively utilize their knowledge, concern, education, and expertise to actively advocate, promote, educate, and influence local, state, national, and international mental health issues regarding infants and toddlers.

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### Registration

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#### Attendee Information

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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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#### Registration Fees:

Member - \$50       Non-Member - \$60

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