

Infant Mental Health Week Webinars Hosted by the West Virginia Infant/Toddler Mental Health Association

All webinars will be from 12 noon – 1:30 p.m. (except for Friday which will be from 12 noon – 2 p.m.) 1.5 Contact Hours of WV STARS per session

Monday, October 16

My Attachment, Your Attachment: Exploring How Caregiver Attachment Classification Affects Infant Attachment

In the session, we will review (briefly) attachment styles. We will explore how personal factors affect attachment. Specifically, we will explore how trauma impacts caregivers' attachment style, and how that may impact attachment between caregiver and child. We will also review ways that caregivers can heal from insecure attachment classifications to improve their own attachment with their children.

Presenter: Dr. Amy Kennedy Root, Professor, Child Development and Family Studies, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV

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Tuesday, October 17

Recent Research Findings on Executive Functioning, Attachment, and Resilience (Part 1)

This session will provide a summary of recent research findings on the development of executive functioning in young children, how attachment impacts its development, and how each contribute to resilience.

Presenter: Dr. Chris Wing, CCC, SLP, I've Got Two Wings, Saint Paul, MN

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Wednesday, October 18

Recent Research Findings on Executive Functioning, Attachment, and Resilience (Part 2)

This session will continue a description and discussion of the relationship between executive functioning, attachment, and resilience, focusing on the implications for work with young children and families.

Presenter: Dr. Chris Wing, CCC, SLP, I've Got Two Wings, Saint Paul, MN

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Thursday, October 19

Prepare, Respond, Support: Adding the Social Emotional Response to Emergency Preparedness

This interactive session offers a framework in thinking through emergency preparedness plans in a developmentally appropriate and trauma informed context to further the social emotional development of infants and young children. Participants will gain an understanding of why relationships are key to supporting emotional regulation before, during, and after emergencies; types of responses children and adults may have during an emergency; how to support young children during emergency drills; how to communicate and reassure children and families during and after emergencies; how to recognize stress and trauma responses; and the importance of self and community care after emergencies.

Presenters: Sheila Zickefoose, IMH-E®, Statewide ICC Coordinator and Charla Blosser, Developmental Specialist, West Virginia Birth to Three, WV

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Friday, October 20

Conversations About Loss: Tilling the Soil for Self and Others **Please note this session is 2 hours long (12 noon – 2 p.m.)

As a provider in any realm, each of us experience an invisible burden to care for, uplift, and sometimes, emotionally "carry" others – to till other's soil. This position, while certainly honorable and necessary, isn't without its consequences. This session will highlight potential scenarios that providers may face, particularly within the context of loss. Through examination of micro- and macro-perspectives, the presenter will describe the potential impact of tilling other's soil, as well as make the case for self-preservation. The presenter will offer practical, grief-informed tools throughout the session. * 2 hours of Social Work CEUs pending

Presenter: Dr. Mekel Harris, Harris Psychological Services, LLC, Bartlett, TN

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