

Relationships Count: A Professional Learning Series for Early Intervention Service Providers

Have you ever wondered... "The parents want completely different things for this child. How do I handle this?" or "This family seems so isolated. Am I their only support?" or "Some families experience so much chaos it feels impossible to be effective." If so, this workshop is for you!

This 8-part series will provide participants with an in-depth understanding of family centered practice, focusing on the relationship building approach of infant mental health. Competencies from the Division for Exceptional Children and Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health will be reviewed and discussed, along with specific strategies to address the complexity of working in the home with families with very young children. Participants will have the opportunity to discuss their work with the guidance of a reflective facilitator. Participants will explore topics in three areas: (1) Professional use of self, (2) Child development, (3) Caregiver-child relationships using an active and cooperative learning approach. The primary focus of this series is for participants to create new perspectives and establish skills for work with children and families, while finding ways to initiate and maintain a reflective work environment.

Location	Wednesdays, 5:00 – 7:00pm		Thursdays, 5:00 7:00pm	
Time &	Farmington Alameda ECC		Clawson Baker Center	
Dates:	32400 Alameda Street		626 Phillips	
	Farmington 48336		Clawson 48017	
	Oct. 9	Nov. 6	Oct. 10	Nov. 7
	Dec. 4	Jan. 8	Dec. 5	Jan. 9
	Feb. 5	Mar. 5	Feb. 6	Mar. 6
	Apr. 2	May 7	Apr. 3	May 8

*The session is offered 2 times each month: Wednesday evenings in Farmington or Thursday evenings in Clawson. Participants should choose the location that works best for them.

Audience:This workshop is for Service Providers working with families who have children
birth to 3 years of age. Early Intervention Teachers, Speech Therapists,
Occupational Therapists, Physical Therapists, School Social Workers,
School Psychologists, and Early On[®] Service Providers are welcome!

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Registration Information:

Registration is limited to 12 at each site. Please register in advance with Marian at <u>imhmcorihel@gmail.com</u>