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20 February 2018

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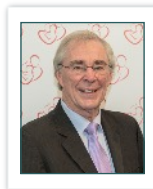
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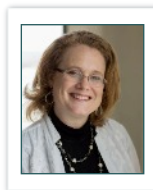
HELEN MINNIS

Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Glasgow, Dr. Minnis has a longstanding research interest in the effects of early abuse and neglect on mental health with a particular focus on Attachment Disorders. This was stimulated by the experience of working as an orphanage doctor in Guatemala before going into psychiatry. She is currently conducting a randomised controlled trial of Charley Zeanah's New Orleans Infant Mental Health intervention and has co-authored numerous published papers.



KEVIN NUGENT

Founder and Director of the Brazelton Institute at Boston Children's Hospital, Dr. Nugent is also Emeritus Professor of Child and Family Studies at the University of Massachusetts - and for 40 years has been conducting research on newborn behaviour and early parent-infant relations. He co-authored the *Neonatal Behavioral Assessment Scale* (third and fourth editions) with Dr. Brazelton, and is the senior author of the handbook for the *Newborn Behavioral Observations* (NBO) system, a clinical tool designed for clinicians in paediatric and intervention settings. Dr. Nugent has published and researched extensively, including studying child development in different cultural settings across the world.



SHERRYL SCOTT HELLER

Currently Dr. Heller is Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at Tulane University School of Medicine and a member of the Tulane Institute of Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health. One of her areas of focus is providing, researching, and training in early childhood mental health consultation to childcare. Dr. Heller co-edited *A Practical Guide to Reflective Supervision* with Linda Gilkerson and provides training and consultation on reflective practice and supervision. She also directs a home visiting program affiliated with the Fussy Baby Network which supports caregivers who are struggling with their infant or toddler.

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Abstracts are invited for poster, oral presentation or workshop on one of the five conference themes:

1. Promoting Optimal Social and Emotional Development for Infants

- a. In Health (including antenatal and perinatal mental health, infants of parents with mental health and addictions)
- b. In Social Services
- c. In the Education sector (including Early Childhood Care and Education, Teen Parent Schools and Services)
- d. In the Legal System
- e. In the Prisons
- f. Advocacy and infant mental health policy

2. Infants, Their Families and Ourselves Under Stress

What is needed to support social and emotional health for infants and their families under stress?

Adverse childhood experiences, natural disasters, babies born prematurely, babies with developmental difficulties - interventions and challenges for infants, their families and professionals

3. Home Visiting and Infant Mental Health

Initiatives and programmes addressing infant social and emotional wellbeing in home visiting programmes
Addressing adult and infant mental health problems
Supporting the home visitor

4. Interventions, Approaches, Services for Families with Under Four Year Olds in NZ

Who is doing what, where?
Bicultural and cross-cultural models of practice
Parenting programmes and interventions
Research and Evaluation

5. Workforce Development

Training initiatives
Developing Competency as an Infant Mental Health Specialist
How can professionals be supported in their work with infants and families?
Reflective practice
Reflective supervision

Abstracts should follow this format:

Author(s)

- corresponding author named first

Contact details

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Title

Type of presentation

- Poster
- Oral: 30 mins
- Workshop: 90 mins

Abstract

- no longer than 300 words
- if you wish, under headings such as:
 - Introduction
 - Method
 - Results
 - Conclusion

Theme(s)

- please select from the list

Please submit your abstract by email to secretary@imhaanz.org.nz by 20 April 2018

Abstracts will be reviewed anonymously by committee and authors notified of the outcome by 18 May 2018

Please note that all presenters of accepted abstracts will need to register for the conference