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CoAIMH Quarterly Meeting:
Robert J. Harmon Memorial Lecture
June 8, 2010
Dr. Joy Browne, speaker
5:30 pm The Children's Hospital

COAIMH Bi-Annual Conference
February 11, 2011

We honor and mourn the passing of an advocate, researcher and caregiver of young children, Dr. Stanley Greenspan. We have included the letter from Zero to Three announcing the death of this giant in the field of early childhood and infant mental health. His work continues to contribute to our learning and inspire us to do our best for children and families.



Early Childhood Mental Health
Blue Ribbon Policy Council Summit
May 19, 2010

Janice Cooper, PhD, Featured Speaker

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"It is with a profound sense of loss that I share with you the passing of a giant in our field and of our organization, Stanley I. Greenspan, M.D., Past Board President and Founding Member of ZERO TO THREE. Stan Greenspan brought his intellect, passion, drive and energy to help conceptualize and create the multi and trans-disciplinary "infant family field." Central to his vision was the creation of the National Center for Clinical Infant Programs, the original name of ZERO TO THREE. In 1997 Stan convened an internationally renowned group of leaders in the fields of medicine, mental health, social science research, child development, and community leadership, including T. Berry Brazelton, Ron Lally, Bernie Levy, Selma Fraiberg, Al Solnit, Sally Provence and others, to begin to share their emerging knowledge of early development and advance the emotional health and well-being infants and toddlers. This group of 12 pioneers became the original Board of ZERO TO THREE. Reginald Lurie served as its Chairman; the organization was launched with a gift from Bernie Levy and in-kind contributions from the National Institute of Mental Health's Clinical Unit secured by Stan. Stan was elected the first President of the Board. In that capacity he helped create the Zero To Three Journal and a wide range of articles and publications on early development with and for ZERO TO THREE over the years. He was a driving force in the creation of the ZERO TO THREE's Diagnostic Classification of Mental Health and Developmental Disorders of Infancy and Early Childhood.

Stan was a practicing Child and Adult Psychiatrist and Psychoanalyst; Chairman, of the Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders; Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and Pediatrics, at George Washington University Medical School; Supervising Child Psychoanalyst, at the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute; and accomplished author, trainer and teacher. In addition to serving as a Board Member Emeritus of ZERO TO THREE; he was Chairman, of the Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders which he founded with Board member Serena Wieder; Co-Director, of the Council on Human Development; Academic Faculty, of the ICDL Graduate School and served as Academic Faculty of the Children's Hospital National Medical Center.

Among his many numerous contributions to the field, Stan Greenspan was one of the world's foremost authorities on early emotional development. He was author of over 50 scholarly and popular books, including *The First Idea*, *Engaging Autism*, *The Child with Special Needs*, *The Challenging Child*, *Building Healthy Minds*, *Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health*, *Great Kids*, *The Secure Child*, *The Four-Thirds Solution: Solving the Child-Care Crisis in America Today*. His pioneering work on diagnosis, early intervention and treatment of mental and developmental problems among infants

and young children has guided countless researchers, clinicians, and parents across the country and around the world. As Chair of ZERO TO THREE's and ICDL's Diagnostic Classification Task Force, Stan was instrumental in promoting more effective mental health practice with the "zero to three" population.

Stan died after a long illness. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, colleagues and the thousands of babies and families whose lives he touched directly and the millions more who benefited from his insight, intellect and creativity. Memorial contributions may be made to the [Stanley Greenspan Memorial Scholarship fund](#), established by the Greenspan family to support future leaders in the field of infant mental health and developmental disorders, currently enrolled or applying to the [ICDL Graduate School](#). Applications for this scholarship will be made available online soon. The entire ZERO TO THREE family feels his passing today.

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COAIMH Quarterly Meeting

Please join us the evening of June 8th at 5:30pm for a meet and greet of CoAIMH's advisory board members who will be facilitating table topics addressing different arenas of infant and early childhood mental health, followed by presentation of this year's Robert J. Harmon award to Dr. Joy Browne. The presentation will be available long-distance at this URL address: [mms://esslive3.ucdenver.edu:1800](https://esslive3.ucdenver.edu:1800).

* A free night of hotel stay for our February conference will be raffled off at this quarterly meeting!

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Featured Speaker, Janice Cooper, PhD, Interim Director national Center for Children in Poverty, Columbia University (see her recent publication)

http://www.nccp.org/publications/pub_882.html

Celebrate Colorado's many successes and provide input into Colorado's ongoing strategic plan to support early childhood mental health. Current plan can be found at http://www.cdhs.state.co.us/dmh/PDFs/Blue_Ribbon_Strategic_Plan_Early_Childhood

Please RSVP by May 15 to Shannon.Harper@state.co.us Additional information will be sent to you at that time.

Location: Park Hill Golf Course, 4141 East 35th Ave. Denver, CO

Time: 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Sponsored by:

- Colorado Association for Infant Mental Health (CoAIMH)
- Division of Behavioral Health/Childcare
- JFK Partners at the University of Colorado School of Medicine

Save the Date: CoAIMH's Biennial Conference!!

Nuture yourself, network, and take time to be among colleagues and other professionals workin in the fields of infant and early childhood mental health and education.

Thursday, February 10 and Friday February 11, 2011. Stay tuned for details as we

prepare for another wonderful success!

Devereux Early Childhood Spring 2010 Newsletter issue on Early Childhood Mental Health

The Devereux Early Childhood website has a wonderful Spring 2010 newsletter issue on Early Childhood Mental Health, with a great article by our president-elect, Jordana Ash, on using the Devereux Early Childhood Assessment in the Kid Connects programs. They also have excellent links on early childhood mental health. Here is then link:

<http://www.devereux.org/site/R?i=-f3aejGhQacBrijVIVTrKg>

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