



**ASSESSING & IDENTIFYING
SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN
INFANTS & TODDLERS**
Presented by Joy Osofsky, PHD

**April 22, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Lincoln Firefighter's Reception Hall
241 Victory Lane
Lincoln, NE**

The Nebraska Early Development Network Co-leads is pleased to sponsor a day-long training with national expert Dr. Joy Osofsky in using screenings, observations, and assessments to identify and understand social-emotional development in infants and toddlers. This training will utilize videos illustrating problems an infant/toddler is experiencing with affect and behavior and emotional regulation; and the effects of exposure to trauma (abuse/neglect/domestic violence) on very young children and their caregivers. Dr. Osofsky will provide information on effective interventions providers can utilize to promote positive social-emotional development and outcomes for infants/toddlers.

Target audience: School Psychologists, MDT and IFSP team members,
EDN Services Coordinators, Early Head Start, Childcare providers,
Birth-3 endowment programs, infant mental health providers

Learning Objectives:

- *Participants will learn about normal and abnormal social-emotional reactions and responses in infants and young children.**
- *Participants will learn how to use screenings and observations to identify social-emotional behaviors and responses of concerns.**
- *Participants will have increased knowledge about the effects of trauma of different types on infants and toddlers**
- *Participants will acquire information about interventions that work and evidence-based treatments.**



Biography

Joy D. Osofsky, Ph.D. is a psychologist and psychoanalyst and Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. She is Head of the Division of Pediatric Mental Health. She is also an Adjunct Professor of Psychology at the University of New Orleans. Dr. Osofsky is Co-Director of the Louisiana Rural Trauma Services Center, a center in the National Child Traumatic Stress Network and Director of the Harris Center for Infant Mental Health at Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center in New Orleans. She has edited and authored numerous books, journal articles and journals regarding infant mental health and traumatized children. Her 2004 (paperback 2007) edited book, *Young Children and Trauma: Intervention and Treatment*, includes contributions related to mental health, child welfare, the judiciary, and law enforcement.

Dr. Osofsky is Past-President of Zero to Three: National Center for Infants, Toddlers, and Families and Past-President of the World Association for Infant Mental Health. She served on the Pew National Commission for Children in Foster Care. Dr. Osofsky has conducted research, intervention, and clinical work with infants, children, and families at high psychosocial risk. She has studied adolescent mothers as well as infants, children, and families exposed to community and domestic violence and maltreatment. Since 1997, she has been consulting and collaborating with Judge Cindy Lederman, Administrative Judge of the Juvenile Court in Miami/Dade County related to the development and evaluation of programs to benefit high risk young children and families in court.

Dr. Osofsky has received wide recognition and numerous awards for her pioneering work and leadership with our nation's most vulnerable young children.

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