



• Connecting the Dots: Using Best Practices to Support Infants, Toddlers, and Their Families •

A Workshop Series/Course Opportunity for Early Interventionists,
Early Childhood Educators, and Related Professionals

The Connecting the Dots series has cross-cutting themes: the importance of relationships, understanding development, responsive and individualized care and learning experiences, collaboration, and family engagement. The four workshops are presented by experts in their respective fields who will provide interactive, integrated learning experiences that blend theory and practice.

Participants may take an individual workshop (all described below), although it is recommended that early interventionists, early childhood educators, and related professionals take all four workshops.

Engaging Families in Support of Infants' Development through Relationships (February 9, 2018)

Jayne Singer, Ph.D. is Clinical Director of the Child and Parent Program in the Developmental Medicine Center at Children's Hospital Boston, where she works with families of children aged birth through early childhood with a wide variety of medical, developmental, emotional, behavioral, and familial challenges. Dr. Singer is an assistant professor of pediatrics and psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, and is part of the faculty at the Brazelton Touchpoints Center. Dr. Singer will focus on infant development, care, and relationships. She also will address how to support infants with developmental challenges and families experiencing trauma.

Engaging Toddlers: Enriching This Unique Period of Life Through Intentional Practices (March 23, 2018)

Dee Smith, Pedagogical Director, and Jen Olson, Mentor Teacher, from the Campus Children's School at the University of Vermont, will share their knowledge of and experiences with supporting toddlers' development through practices that authentically emerge from close observation and analysis of children's engagements with their social, physical, and temporal environments. The presenters will support participants' knowledge and use of the Vermont Early Learning Standards and offer strategies for fostering toddlers' social, emotional, and communicative competencies.

Family Engagement in the 21st Century: Working with Families and Each Other (May 3, 2018)

Dr. John Hornstein returns to conclude the series. In this last workshop, he will delve into family-centered practices and strategies for engaging families of infants and toddlers, including families whose children have special needs. He will discuss collaborating with families and professionals (e.g., home visitors, physical and occupational therapists, early childhood mental health consultants) to promote children's healthy development.

Dates: 2/9/18, 3/23/18, 5/3/18
Place: Capitol Plaza, Montpelier, VT
Cost: \$60/workshop (lunch included)
Time: 8:30-3:30

Please inquire with Capitol Plaza reservations (802-223-5252) about discounted hotel rates for the evening prior to this event.



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