

Infant mental health: A global public health issue

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Infant mental health (IMH) is a global public health issue. This presentation provides an exploration of how IMH fits within current global agendas. Specifically, the global policy informing models of the *Public Health Agenda* (World Health Organization) and the *United Nations Sustainable Development Goals*. Multilateral goals juxtaposed with contrasting definitions and measures of health, mental health, and infant mental health, will be presented. A process-based framework will be introduced to support the inter-disciplinary dynamics of bringing IMH evidence-based practice knowledge into a public policy context. This framework aims to support the work of the IMH global community as we venture into the machinery of global policy, advocating for the mental health of babies within their families and communities.