

Workshop Abstract

Infant mental health: A global public health issue

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This workshop will frame infant mental health (IMH) science and practice as a public health issue as way to promote IMH at local, state, national, and global levels. Global health and policy terms will be explored along with United Nations global frameworks and agendas. Models of policy change will also be explored as these models help to articulate the content of IMH promotion material. These change models also guide the function, timing, and direction of IMH advocacy efforts. A process-based framework will be introduced to support the inter-disciplinary dynamics of bringing IMH evidence-based science and practice knowledge into a public health and policy context. Throughout the workshop, participants will be invited to practice framing an IMH issue of their choice (for example, Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES)) as a public health issue.