



## Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health

### BEST WISHES FOR A PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

What an extraordinary year 2016 has been! Nichole, Faith, Ashley, Sheryl and Debbie send our appreciation for all that you have done through the Alliance® on behalf of babies, their families, and those who care for them. Your shared commitment to quality work force development and the promotion of infant mental health has been remarkable. Highlights of the year include:

\*The birth of the Alliance for the Advancement of Infant Mental Health on June 9, 2016, governed by an 11-member Board of Directors

\*Selection of Officers for the Alliance Board: President, Margaret Holmberg (Connecticut); Vice President, Susan Dickstein (Rhode Island); Secretary, Mary Warren (Arizona); and Treasurer, Cathy Liesman (Michigan)

\*Volunteer energy fueled investment in the Alliance through committee work and monthly calls, e.g. Reflective Supervision Research Committee, Endorsement Holders calls, Social Policy Committee, Retreat Planning Committee, RSC Symposium Committee, Alliance Leadership calls, Founding Partners Leadership calls, Alliance Board of Directors (<http://mi-aimh.org/alliance/alliance-board/>)

\*10<sup>th</sup> Annual Retreat for Alliance leaders in Scottsdale, Arizona, co-hosted by ITCMHA (Arizona) with over 60 leaders gathered

\*1st Annual Reflective Supervision and Consultation Symposium, co-hosted by the Alliance and the Michigan Association for Infant Mental Health in Ann Arbor, Michigan with over 110 in attendance

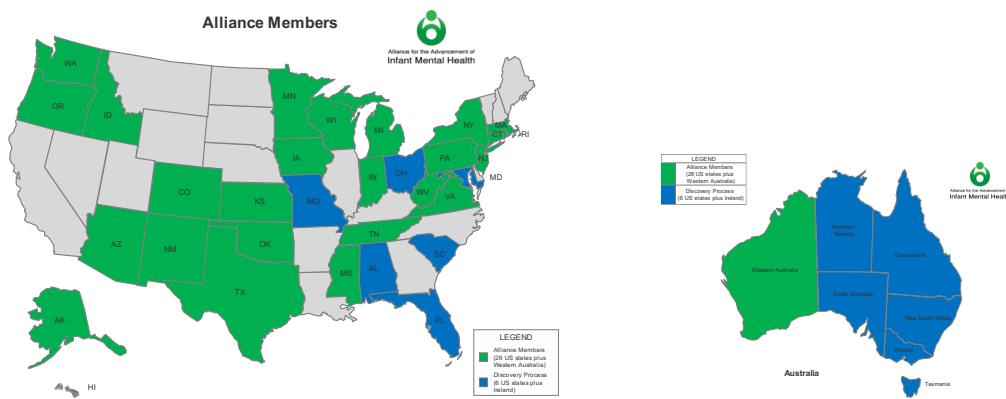
\*Development of the Endorsement® criteria for professionals across systems working with children 3 up to 6 years and their families

\*Translation of the Competency Guidelines® and Endorsement® materials into Spanish with support from the Oregon Infant Mental Health Association, the Ford Family Foundation, and Colorado Association for Infant Mental Health

\* Special Issues of the *Infant Mental Health Journal*, the *Journal for Zero to Three*, and the *Newborn & Infant Nursing Reviews* that feature the scientific studies and clinical work of Alliance® leaders promoting reflective supervision and infant mental health

\*A collaborative evaluation of the IMH Home Visiting Model under way by research faculty at the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Wayne State University, Central Michigan University and in partnership with the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, community mental health practitioners, MI-AIMH and the Alliance

\*Licensing of the Competencies® and Endorsement® to 26 IMH state associations and 1 international association



We look forward to continuing our work together, raising a collective and collaborative voice on behalf of what is best for all babies and all families and all communities – nurturing and loving relationship support.