



## Infant/Toddler Specialist Network Monthly Highlights: March 2021

The Child Care State Capacity Building Center's Infant/Toddler Specialist Network (ITSN) works with states, territories, and tribes to do the following:

- ◆ Increase the supply and quality of care for infants, toddlers, and their families
- ◆ Strengthen the coordination of services across early childhood professional development programs
- ◆ Support implementation of high-quality professional pathways for teachers and child care providers working with infants and toddlers in child care centers and family child care homes
- ◆ Support high-quality relationship-based care and social-emotional development using the six essential program practices for relationship-based care, which were developed by WestEd's Program for Infant/Toddler Care
- ◆ Create and enhance a cadre of Infant/Toddler Specialists and coaches within each state and contribute to their professional development
- ◆ Provide targeted technical assistance, as requested, to increase quality in programs serving infants, toddlers, and their families
- ◆ Increase understanding of the impact of trauma on infants, toddlers, their families, and their caregivers, and explore strategies for building resilience

### Highlights

#### Infant/Toddler Resource Guide

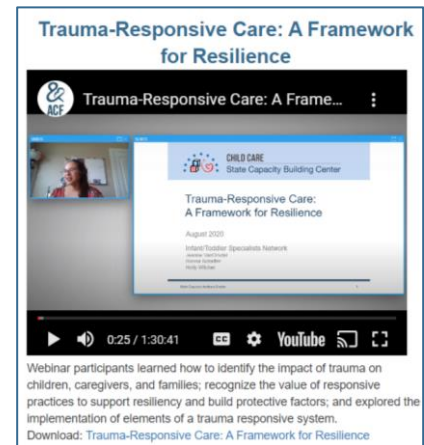
- ◆ The [Infant/Toddler Resource Guide](#) offers a host of materials to support the development and implementation of policies and practices for high-quality infant/toddler care.
- ◆ It now offers a new search feature.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System. At the top, there are navigation tabs for 'FOR FAMILIES' and 'INFANT/TODDLER CARE VIDEOS'. Below this is a search bar with a 'SEARCH' button. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column features a section titled 'Strengthening State and Territory Infant/Toddler Child Care System Policies and Practices: A Tool for Advancing Infant/Toddler Child Care Quality' with a small image of a woman and a child. The right column features a section titled 'About the Infant/Toddler Resource Guide' with text explaining the guide's purpose and intended users. At the bottom, there are social media icons and a contact email address.



## Recorded Webinars

- ◆ Explore [Infant/Toddler Video Clips](#) for recordings of national webinars offered by ITSN.
- ◆ You will find a broad array of relevant topics included in titles such as the following:
  - *Trauma-Responsive Care: A Framework for Resilience*
  - *Supporting the Social-Emotional Health of Infants, Toddlers, and Adults during Natural Disasters and Emergencies*



## Upcoming Events



### Relationship-Based Care for Infants and Toddlers: A Training for Trainers Refresh Webinar

- ◆ All states, territories, and tribes that have participated in a past *Relationship-Based Care Training for Trainers* (TFT) will be invited to a refresh webinar.
- ◆ This webinar will review updated information in the TFT series and will take place on **March 18, 2021**.
- ◆ [More information about the six essential program practices for relationship-based care is available via this link.](#)



### Trauma-Responsive Care: A Framework for Strengthening Resilience in Infant/Toddler Care Pilot Orientation Webinar for States and Territories

- ◆ ITSN is collaborating with the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance to provide a 3-part **pilot** TFT series for states and territories.
- ◆ The series is titled *Trauma-Responsive Care: A Framework for Strengthening Resilience in Infant/Toddler Care*.
- ◆ The **pilot** orientation webinar for states and territories will take place on **March 23, 2021**.



### Trauma-Responsive Care: A Framework for Strengthening Resilience in Infant/Toddler Care Pilot Orientation Webinar for Tribes

- ◆ ITSN is collaborating with the National Center on Tribal Early Childhood Development to provide a 3-part **pilot** TFT series for tribes.
- ◆ The series is titled *Trauma-Responsive Care: A Framework for Strengthening Resilience in Infant/Toddler Care*.
- ◆ The **pilot** orientation webinar for tribes will take place on **March 24, 2021**.



## State Conference Presentations

ITSN is supporting presentations at state supported conferences:

- ◆ *Trauma-Responsive Care: A Framework for Strengthening Resilience in Infant/Toddler Care*
- ◆ *Engaging in Trauma-Informed and Healing-Centered Responsive Caregiving*

## Connect



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