

Birth to Three

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The Birth to Three working group met often over the summer, planning and considering how best to support our community of colleagues and parents. We continue to seek ways to unite and connect the 0-3 caregivers in their various program types. Those working in 0-3 often feel disconnected from the larger early childhood community. Reasons for this include having a program that is not embedded in a school, like a childcare or home program, working at a different rate of pay than other early childhood professionals and not being included in lead teacher or regional meetings related to Waldorf early childhood education. The first three years of the child's life are unique in the first seven years period. Perhaps this uniqueness also contributes to the sense of being involved with something different.

The WECAN Birth to Three working group encourages all Waldorf early childhood educators to take responsibility for your specific role in making connections. If you are not a birth to three caregiver, but have a program in your school or community, show your interest in your colleagues by reaching out and inviting in or asking to visit. If you have a birth to three program, please feel very welcome to contact us with ideas and suggestions for how we can support you. mtoran@waldorfearlychildhood.org This fall, we will continue to focus on ways to support you in your work and your connections with one another.

In the meantime, we are very excited about the resources we have been working on this summer and hope these events will nourish you in your teaching and support your work with children and families.

Birth to Three Conference - The Birth to Three conference will take place in person at Sophia's Hearth, November 10th and 11th. [Click here](#) for more information.



The Power of Play
Exploring the Science and Practice of Play in the First Three Years

Join us to explore the fascinating world of play in early childhood and gain a deeper understanding of how it shapes young children's development and learning.

November 10-11, 2023 at
Sophia's Hearth
Registration will open
August 1, 2023

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 **Sophia's Hearth**

Professional Development/Parent-Caregiver Evenings - We are really hopeful that these events will support you in your work with parents/caregivers and in your own professional development.



2023/24 WECAN Zoom Parent Evenings

September 20, 8:30 am HT, 11:30 am PT, 12:30 pm MT, 1:30 pm CT, 2:30 pm ET

Self-initiated Play - The Beginning of Lifelong Learning and Developing Trust
with Philipp Reubke

October 25, 2:30 pm HT, 5:30 pm PT, 6:30 pm MT, 7:30 pm CT, 8:30 pm ET

Nourishing and Encouraging Children to Connect to the World (and what disrupts that process) with Adam Blanning, M.D.

January 17, 3:30 pm HT, 5:30 pm PT, 6:30 pm MT, 7:30 pm CT, 8:30 pm ET

Parenting in an Anxious World with Nancy Blanning and Adam Blanning, M.D.

March 6, 3:30 pm HT, 5:30 pm PT, 6:30 pm MT, 7:30 pm CT, 8:30 pm ET

Movement in the Child from Three to Seven Years Old with Jane Swain

April 3, 2:30 pm HT, 5:30 pm PT, 6:30 pm MT, 7:30 pm CT, 8:30 pm ET

Love the Skin They Are In - Fostering Healthy Racial Identity Development in the Young Child with Keelah Helwig

Registration Open - See Events in the WECAN Bookstore
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DEIJ Picture Book List

We are very grateful to Anjum Mir for collating a collection of children's books, grouped by age, for children from birth to seven. The book list can also be found on our website under the Educator and Parent and Family Resource pages.

[WECAN Recommended Multicultural and DEIJ Storybooks for Children](#)