Promoting Early Childhood Mental Health

The Marsico Institute’s 2015 Community Lecture will feature Professor Phil Fisher. Dr. Fisher is particularly interested in the effects of early stressful experiences on children's neurobiological and psychological development. He designs and evaluates prevention and treatment programs for improving abused and neglected children's functioning in areas such as attachment to caregivers, relationships with peers, and functioning in school. Dr. Fisher is featured in a new video on early childhood mental health from the Harvard Center on the Developing Child. This video discusses how improving children's early environments can prevent initial difficulties from destabilizing mental health later in life.

Don’t miss your chance to hear Dr. Fisher speak in person mark your calendars for the evening of October 8th! Registration will open in September – check back on the Marsico website for details.

Supporting the Infant-Toddler Workforce

Early Educator Central is a new effort jointly administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of Child Care, and Office of Head Start. The multifaceted website supports not only infant-toddler educators, but also the entire infant-toddler workforce, with federally funded resources for administrators, trainers and coaches, professional development (PD) system leaders, and more. Marsico Assistant Director Carrie Germeroth, Executive Director Doug Clements, and Graduate Research Assistant Brittany Sovran provided a research summary for the site on infant-toddler mathematics development.

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We welcome Julie Sarama as the Co-Executive Director of Marsico Institute. Currently, the Kennedy Endowed Chair in Innovative Technology, and Professor at the University of Denver, she was previously a Professor of Mathematics Education at the University at Buffalo (SUNY). Dr. Sarama brings to Marsico extensive experience in research on young children’s development of mathematical concepts and competencies, implementation and scale-up of educational reform, professional development models and their influence on student learning, and implementation and effects of her own software environments in mathematics classrooms, published in more than 50 refereed articles, 4 books, 30 chapters, and 60 additional publications.

STEM Solutions

Education, business, and political leaders gathered in San Diego for the U.S. News STEM Solutions Conference. Marsico Executive Director, Doug Clements delivered a keynote presentation on the Building Blocks of Math, discussing the importance of early childhood education to promote mathematics in the workforce. You can watch videos from the conference and learn more about diversifying the STEM workforce.

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