



The Infant Mental Health Statewide Planning Committee is pleased to announce the following series of meetings for 2010.

IMH Meeting Forum, April 1, 2010

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center at MSU, East Lansing, MI

***Session I: "Relationship Development in Pregnancy  
and Early Postpartum:  
An Infant Mental Health Perspective"***

*Presented by*

***Priscilla Tait MS, CNM, IMH-E® (IV)***

The relationship between a mother and her baby begins when the woman discovers she is pregnant. The formation of maternal identity and maternal/fetal attachment is a journey of complex emotional and psychological events. In this series of seminars we will discuss the process of relationship development during pregnancy and the early postpartum period and will identify factors that may disturb or obstruct this process. We will explore the relationship between very early relationship difficulties and subsequent behavioral problems in infants and toddlers.

We will share strategies to support the pregnant woman who is experiencing difficulty making the transition to becoming a nurturing mother. We will also reflect upon our own emotions that are stirred when a pregnant woman behaves in a way that is not nurturing or protective of her unborn child.

***Also:***

**Results from Statewide Evaluation of Infant Mental Health**

*Presented by Joan Abbey, LMSW, EMU College of Health and  
Human Services*

Each meeting will include updates from DCH and MI-AIMH, a resource table and networking opportunity.

## IMH Meeting Forum, July 29, 2010

8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Location: Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center at MSU, East Lansing, MI

### ***Session II: "Domestic Violence: Supporting Pregnant Mothers, Infants, and Toddlers Living in Abusive Environments"***

*Presented by*

***Priscilla Tait MS, CNM, IMH-E® (IV)***

In this session we will explore the wide range of behaviors that define domestic abuse and identify the dynamics of domestic violence in the childbearing year. We will discuss the impact of domestic violence on the developing mother/child relationship in pregnancy, infancy and toddlerhood. We will identify the effects of family violence on babies and young children, including signs and symptoms of PTSD. We will conclude with a discussion on the strategies to support relationships between mothers and their children who live in abusive environments and reflect on our own emotions when working with pregnant women and new mothers who are abused by their partners.

## IMH Meeting Forum, October 25, 2010

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Location: Kellogg Hotel & Conference Center at MSU, East Lansing, MI

### ***Session III: "Substance Use and Abuse in Pregnancy and Early Parenting: Why Doesn't She Just Quit?"***

*Presented by*

***Priscilla Tait MS, CNM, IMH-E® (IV)***

One of the most difficult challenges when working with families during pregnancy and early childhood is providing services to parents who are chemically dependent. In this workshop we will discuss the variety of substances that are used and abused during and after pregnancy. We will explore how and why women become addicted, the barriers to recovery faced by chemically dependent women, and how our own attitudes and beliefs about mothers, babies and drugs can influence the choices that mothers make.

**Who should attend:** This series of meetings is for IMH Clinicians, Early Childhood specialists, Early Head Start Home Visitors as well as students and those seeking the MI-AIMH endorsement.

**CEU's:** Each session is approved for 4.5 CEU's and will count toward the requirements for the MI-AIMH endorsement.

**Registration form IMH Statewide Meetings  
April 1, July 29 and October 25, 2010**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency Affiliation: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please also provide the following additional information:**

**Endorsement Level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Working on Endorsement:** Yes No Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please indicate which sessions you would like to attend.**

\_\_\_ April 1, 2010 "Relationship Development in Pregnancy"  
(Payment is due in the MI-AIMH Central Office by March 24, 2010.)

\_\_\_ July 29, 2010 "Domestic Violence: Supporting Pregnant Mothers"  
(Payment is due in the MI-AIMH Central Office by July 22, 2010.)

\_\_\_ October 25, 2010 "Substance Use and Abuse in Pregnancy"  
(Payment is due in the MI-AIMH Central Office by October 18, 2010.)

**Cost (includes lunch):**

\_\_\_ MI-AIMH Members: \$65.00/session \$180.00/all 3 sessions

\_\_\_ Non MI-AIMH Members: \$80.00/session \$225.00/all 3 sessions

\_\_\_ Students: \$35.00/session \$105.00/all 3 sessions

\_\_\_ regular lunch \_\_\_ vegetarian lunch

\_\_\_ CEU processing fee: add \$10.00 each session

For CEUs, please list State License # \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment:** Please make checks payable to MI-AIMH and mail payment along with registration form to:

MI-AIMH, Deborah Kahraman, 13101 Allen Rd., Southgate, MI 48195

Please email (dkahraman@mi-aimh.org), fax (734-287-1680) or mail this form to the address noted above with your intent of participation along with details of how payment will be made.