

What is being done, successfully, to ensure that children and families thrive?

We Don't Wait – Nurturing and Healing in Action

Our **15th Annual Early Childhood Mental Health Conference – We Can't Wait** will inspire attendees to dive into both the clinical and systems aspects of engaging families and young children in getting the care they need. Distinguished speakers will highlight community driven, evidence-informed interventions that have been developed, researched, implemented, and are making a difference, including HealthySteps, Zero to Three, and HOPE programs.

Get the full experience by attending in-person at the **Sheraton San Diego Hotel and Marina** with a beautiful view of the bay. Or join us via Zoom! Keynote sessions and selected breakout sessions will simultaneously be offered on Zoom for virtual attendees Thursday and Friday.

Registration Fees:

Live: \$195 pp/per day **Early Bird Rate**
\$220 pp/per day After Aug 5, 2024

Includes: Complimentary parking, breakfast, lunch and refreshments daily, access to recordings of the virtual sessions after the conference, and entry to our **15th Annual Celebration and Networking Reception** on Thursday September 26 from 5:00 – 7:00PM.

Virtual Attendance via Zoom
Thursday/Friday: \$99 per day.

CE/CME is Included (up to 16 Contact Hours)
at no extra fee, thanks to additional funding this year from **San Diego County Behavioral Health Services!**



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If you are involved in providing assessment, treatment, education, or services for children and families, this conference is for you!

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Keynote Speakers

Rahil Briggs, PsyD, is the National Director of Zero to Three's HealthySteps pediatric primary care program which operates in 24 states plus DC, and has reached nearly 500,000 children. She is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Behavioral Sciences at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. She is also the editor of *Integrated Early Childhood Behavioral Health in Primary Care*. Dr. Briggs was the founder of one of the most comprehensive integrated pediatric behavioral health services in the nation, serving almost 90,000 children in the Bronx each year. She was also the recipient of the 2018 Health Care Delivery Award from the Academic Pediatric Association. Dr. Briggs completed her studies at Duke University and New York University. Visit: www.zerotothree.org

Richard Knecht, MS, is the Managing Partner at Integrated Human Services Group, LLC, where he and his affiliates provide program operations, leadership, strategic planning and training services to public and private healthcare and human service systems nationwide. He is currently an advisor to state agencies, wherein he provides guidance and cross-system statewide technical assistance to multiple departments. He was the lead design engineer of the state's Integrated Core Practice Model and wrote the template which now anchors Children's System of Care in all 58 counties in California. Richard served for ten years as director of Placer County's highly regarded children's system in California. He is past chair of the Board of Directors at Ifoster.org, the country's online resource portal for Foster and Kinship care youth and their providers. Richard is also the author of two children's books. Visit: <https://www.integratedhumanservicesgroup.com/home/>

Jeff Rowe, MD is a child and adolescent psychiatrist who has been working in the field of Early Childhood Mental Health for the past 25 years. He retired from the County of San Diego and the University of California San Diego in 2018, but continues to teach, consult, and practice psychiatry in San Diego. He specializes in the assessment and treatment of very young children, traumatized children, and children with complicated conditions. Dr. Rowe has been the Co-Chair of the Early Childhood Mental Health Conference – We Can't Wait since its inception.

Pradeep Gidwani, MD, MPH, FAAP, is a pediatrician and community health leader focused on creating systematic solutions and changes to improve the lives of children and their families. Currently, he works at American Academy of Pediatrics, California Chapter 3, San Diego and Imperial Counties (AAP-CA3) on a team that provides countywide coordination and support for two large scale community initiatives: Healthy Development Services and First Step Home Visiting funded by First 5 San Diego. In the last 15 years, these communitywide programs have reached over 330,000 children and their families. Dr. Gidwani is a Past President of AAP-CA3, serves on numerous community advisory boards, and is a member of the Board