



**INFANT-TODDLER MENTAL HEALTH
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The Infant-Toddler Mental Health Coalition of Arizona and

Present

Considering the Role of Early Experience in Working with Children and Families

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**Saturday October 21st
9:30am – 12:30pm**

Tempe Public Library
3500 South Rural Road, Tempe
Connections Program Room
(Next to Connections Café)

The importance of an individual's early relationship experience is now widely accepted among developmental scientists and clinicians. John Bowlby's ideas about inner working models, Daniel Stern's ideas about representations of self and relationships with others, and Selma Fraiberg's Ghosts in the Nursery metaphor all offer conceptual guidance for understanding how early experiences of "being with another" are internalized and carried forward. Therapists, social workers, home visitors and early childhood teachers, will find a useful clinical tool in even an introductory understanding of these phenomena. This workshop will provide just such an understanding by offering an introduction to how the early experience of "getting care" contributes to the core of one's sense of worth and potency and expectations regarding the availability of and sensitivity of caregivers.

The workshop will address competencies required for *ITMHCA Endorsement for Culturally Sensitive, Relationship Focused Practice Promoting Infant Mental Health* at Levels 2 and 3. The cost is \$40.00 for ITMHCA members; \$50.00 for non-members. Seating is limited

Preregistration required at www.itmhca.org