

Our Way of Being: Connecting the Dots

Connecting the Dots from Jackson to Knoxville



Two Cities - One Conference!



April 10, 2024 - Member Event
April 11, 2024 - Statewide Conference

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Sponsorship Invitation 2024

THE ASSOCIATION OF INFANT MENTAL HEALTH IN TENNESSEE (AIMHiTN) is seeking your partnership in hosting infant and early childhood mental health professionals from *across Tennessee* for AIMHiTN's 2023 annual conference, *Our Way of Being: Connecting the Dots*.

The conference offers an opportunity for Tennessee's infant and early childhood mental health workforce to gather and learn more about how *our way of being* impacts our work with infants, young children, and their families. AIMHiTN looks forward to welcoming hundreds of professionals on April 10th and 11th to the 2024 AIMHiTN Member Even and Conference taking place in two locations- Jackson and Knoxville. We invite you to join the excitement as we connect the dots!

Why Support This Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Conference?

The future of Tennessee's overall health and economic well-being depends on the investments we make in infants and young children today. To ensure a bright future for Tennessee, we must ensure that all children are afforded the best start possible, and that begins with early relational health. An early relational health focus, which ultimately supports infant and early childhood mental health, is rooted in scientific research that points to the earliest years of life as the most critical for brain development. During this time, social and emotional development occurs, forming the brain connections that build the architecture for future growth. The single most crucial ingredient in laying a healthy foundation is caring, nurturing relationships. These foundational relationships are not limited to parents or primary caregivers. Anyone who interacts with infants and young children can profoundly impact their growth and development into healthy, productive members of society. That includes extended family, teachers, pediatricians, other healthcare providers, and the community at large. **And that also includes you!** We appreciate your partnership in supporting this critical workforce.



Who Will Attend?

The IECMH workforce is a broad community made up of physicians, community mental health providers, early intervention staff, early care providers, early educators, home visitors, systems and family advocates, child welfare workers, nurses, physical, occupational, and speech therapists, higher education faculty and staff, policy and state agency leaders, and many others. *Our Way of Being: Connecting the Dots* is a hybrid event that will welcome over 300 professionals from across Tennessee in two locations- Jackson and Knoxville as well as virtually.

Belonging Awards

AIMHiTN has an unwavering commitment to individual and organizational efforts that: Recognize, reflect on, and promote self-awareness of preconceived judgments; Embrace lived experiences and various ways of knowing and being; Address long-standing, systemic barriers to child and family well-being; and Promote a culture of belonging and equity for all infants, young children, and the caregivers and professionals who care for them.

Join us as we proudly present the *2nd Annual Belonging Awards*! The vision of the AIMHiTN Belonging Awards is to create a pathway for providers to assess their programs and develop high-quality inclusion practices for the infants and young children they serve. High-quality inclusion practices in early education settings can pay big dividends for children, families, and providers. With support from our partners, AIMHiTN can ensure that participating providers have access to the resources, technical assistance, and encouragement that they need to have high-quality inclusion programs.

AIMHiTN Tribute to a Friend Honoree

Each year at our Annual Conference, AIMHiTN honors someone who has made exceptional contributions to the field of IECMH in Tennessee. We honor a friend who is bold and innovative and who individually or through collaborative efforts is a visionary in creating solutions to meet the infant and early childhood mental health needs of the workforce and the community.

AIMHiTN 2024 Tribute to a Friend Honoree: Belva Weathersby, MSW.



Ms. Belva Weathersby has spent a lifetime making the world a better place for babies and their families. Her decades working on behalf of young children and their families in early education settings has influenced innumerable lifetime paths. Since AIMHiTN's inception, she has also been giving of her heart, her time, and her many talents in support of AIMHiTN's mission. She served as Chair of AIMHiTN's Advisory Council at a time when her skillset was exactly what was needed to take it past its initial launch and continues to serve Tennessee's families and children by bringing ensuring their voices are sought out and listened to.

We honor Ms. Belva for her beautiful 'way of being' as a dynamic, powerful, generous leader. We honor her for being the strong voice of change who reminds us to consider our why with the same constancy that she urges us of our responsibility to listen to parents and families. We honor Ms. Belva for her gift of delivering melodious discourses which compel us to open our hearts to the deep truth and wisdom she imparts and to continue our good work 'for the children'.

Ms. Belva Weathersby is, indeed, a true friend of AIMHiTN and it is our deep privilege to know her and to celebrate her as our 2024 Tribute to a Friend Honoree.

ABOUT MS. BELVA WEATHERSBY:

Belva is a native of Charleston, South Carolina, reared in a home where values of faith and family. She is married to Dr. Kenneth Weathersby and they are parents to two young adult professionals, Kenyeta and Breon.

Her life-long passion and pursuit of purpose led to her becoming a voice for the vulnerable. During her college career at Hampton University, she studied Sociology and Criminal Justice and graduated with highest honors. She completed graduate studies at Virginia Commonwealth University where she was awarded a Master of Social Work degree in Administration. She was a student leader who served as President of the School of Social Work Student Association and was awarded the Leadership and Service Award.

Her life continued to be inspired by the principles and core values instilled by her parents and other life mentors. These were also echoed as she has served in numerous church and community organizations and in progressive leadership roles over the past 40 years with her work in early education, human services, and public health in government and non-profit sectors. She currently serves as the Director of the Tennessee Early Childhood Training Alliance (TECTA) at Tennessee State University leading statewide workforce development initiative and innovations.

She continues to engage, educate, and empower through service on several Boards, Councils, and Committees as a voice for children, families, and communities. She is the incoming Chairman of the University of Tennessee College of Social Work Board of Visitors, Region IV Head Start Association First Vice President, TN Young Child Wellness Council Steering Committee, AIMHiTN Advisory Council (former Chairman), Bright Start Nashville Steering Committee, TN Department of Education Early Education Commission, and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, providing community service. She is a Minister of Pastoral Care, bible study facilitator, and praise team singer at Simeon Baptist Church in Antioch, Tennessee.

Belva is an avid sports enthusiast, creative writer, and community servant. Her life is anchored in her personal mission which is "to be found faithful over that which is entrusted to her" which propels her continued legacy as a champion for children and a catalyst for change in the community and world.



2024 Annual Belonging Awards

May 16th at the Nashville Zoo!

Partner with us to recognize and honor high-quality, inclusive childcare agencies.

It is our intention for all early childhood educators in Tennessee to have the tools and resources needed for ALL children to experience a sense of belonging. We seek to create pathways for providers to assess their programs and develop high-quality inclusion practices for all children.

Selected agencies will receive a cash prize, recognition, and year-long promotion.



AIMHiTN Annual Conference

Our Way of Being: Connecting the Dots & 2nd Annual Belonging Awards

SPONSORSHIP/VENDOR OPPORTUNITIES

WORLD CHANGERS

Conference Host	\$10,000
Belonging Awards Host	\$10,000
Conference & Belonging Host	\$15,000

Featured event welcome speaker

Social Media and Advertising Recognition in advance of event

Recognition during Welcome/Opening Session

Most prominent name/logo displayed throughout the opening and break video slideshows

Most prominent name/logo displayed on event program

Most prominent name/logo on all marketing materials and press related to the event

Conference vendor opportunity

For One Year: Individual name/organization name, logo, and link displayed on AIMHiTN donor page

FOUNDATION LAYERS

Conference	\$5,000
Belonging Awards	\$5,000
Conference & Belonging Awards	\$7,500

Recognition during Welcome/Opening Session

Name/logo will be displayed throughout the opening video slideshows

Name/logo prominently displayed on event program

Prominent name/logo on all marketing materials and press related to the event

Prominent name/logo on sponsorship slide to be shown during breaks

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RELATIONSHIP SHAPERS

Member Event Host- Jackson Location	\$3,000
Member Event Host- Knoxville Location	\$3,000

Recognition during the opening and break video slideshow

Name/logo displayed on event program

Name/logo included in marketing materials and press related to the event

Name/logo on sponsorship slide to be shown during breaks

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FUTURE BUILDERS

Conference	\$2,500
Belonging Awards	\$2,500
Conference & Belonging Awards	\$3,750

Recognition during the opening and break video slideshow
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Conference vendor opportunity
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DREAM MAKERS

Conference	\$1,000
Belonging Awards	\$1,000
Conference & Belonging Awards	\$1,500

Name/Logo displayed on Conference/Symposium Program
Name/Logo on sponsorship slide to be shown during breaks
Conference vendor opportunity
For One Year: Individual name/Organization name and logo and link displayed on AIMHiTN donor page

SHOOTING STARS

Conference	Up to \$500
Belonging Awards	Up to \$500
Conference and Belonging Awards	\$750

Name/Logo prominently displayed on Conference/Symposium Program
Name/Logo on sponsorship slide to be shown during breaks
Conference vendor opportunity

AIMHiTN TRIBUTE TO A FRIEND- Ms. Belva Weathersby

Individual amount

NOTE: AIMHiTN accepts donations! Donations to support the Conference can be made in any amount. All donors will be acknowledged at the event and donations are tax-deductible. Donations may be made the following ways:
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Online: Visit: <http://aimhitn.org.org> to give online. AIMHiTN accepts Paypal and Credit Cards
Questions? Contact: Angela Webster, AIMHiTN AngelaW@AIMHiTN.org 931.561.3209

AIMHiTN SPONSORSHIP/VENDOR AGREEMENT

***Our Way of Being: Connecting the Dots
& Annual Belonging Awards***

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Sponsorship Level (select)

- _____ WORLD CHANGERS- Event Host: __ Conference (\$10,000) __ Belonging Awards (\$10,000) __ Both (\$15,000)
- _____ FOUNDATION LAYERS: __ Conference (\$5,000) __ Belonging Awards (\$5,000) __ Both (\$7,500)
- _____ RELATIONSHIP SHAPERS: __ Jackson Member Event (\$3,000) __ Knoxville Member Event (\$3,000)
- _____ FUTURE BUILDERS: __ Conference (\$2,500) __ Belonging Awards (\$2,500) __ Both (\$3,750)
- _____ DREAM MAKERS: __ Conference (\$1,000) __ Belonging Awards (\$1,000) __ Both (\$1,500)
- _____ SHOOTING STARS: __ Conference (up to \$500) __ Belonging Awards (up to \$500) __ Both (\$500+)

AND

(Please add to my sponsorship in honor of Ms. Belva Weathersby)

AIMHiTN Tribute to a Friend donation amount: \$ _____

_____ **Conference Vendor Opportunity without paid Sponsorship - \$100.00**

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1. Promote/advertise the workshop using Sponsor’s existing e-mail lists, website, and social media.
2. Promptly complete all sponsorship administrative requirements, including:
 - Provide logos and name in a scalable, high-resolution graphics format within 3 business days of signing this agreement.
 - **Pay sponsorship/vendor commitment by 03/15/2024.**

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Attention: Angela Webster

► Return signed agreement to Angela Webster AngelaW@AIMHiTN.org

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(Please Print Name and Title)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

By signing above, the Individual/Company agrees to the details as presented and understands the financial responsibilities of the sponsorship.