Training Description:
This 6-hour training will provide introductory material regarding the use of the neurorelational framework (NRF). In the context of the two large fields of ‘early intervention’ and ‘infant mental health’, there are many clinical approaches, diagnostic categories, and disciplinary specificity that have led to fragmentation in our service delivery system. The neurorelational framework provides a potential solution for correcting some of the silos of knowledge that continue to promote clinical isolation. The neurorelational framework offers a big picture ‘container’ for understanding (1) multiple underlying dimensions to behaviors as exemplified through four, overlapping brain systems, (2) the quality of interactions within relationships as highlighted through six socio-emotional milestones (DC: 0-3R, 2005), and (3) the use of three key interpersonal modes that typify parenting and clinical skills as utilized through the head-heart-hand paradigm. The NRF landscape is grounded in a dynamic systems approach to both theory and practice wherein multiple causes for the behaviors we observe will be emphasized. Clinical applications for assessment and intervention through the use of four overlapping brain systems, the socio-emotional milestones, and the three interpersonal modes will be used for practice and discussion with a written case of a 4 month old at-risk infant and a 3-year-old with challenging behaviors.

Presenter:
Dr. Connie Lillas is a National Graduate Zero to Three Leadership Fellow and an infant mental health and early intervention specialist with a background in maternal-child nursing, family systems, and developmental psychoanalysis. Dr. Lillas is the Director of the Interdisciplinary Training Institute, whose curriculum regarding high-risk pre-birth to five-years-olds in the foster care system is employed to train service providers across disciplines in Los Angeles County, through collaborative training efforts from the Department of Child and Protective Services, the Department of Mental Health, and Regional Centers. She currently co-chairs the Foster Youth Mental Health Initiative Capacity Building Policy Workgroup at the Children’s Law Center, which houses 90% of all attorneys representing infants and children in the foster care system. With a long-established private clinical practice, Dr. Lillas services both ends of the age spectrum—from birth to five-year-olds and latency-aged children, to adults. She has co-authored a book that was released this February, *Infant/Child Mental Health, Early Intervention, & Relationship-Based Therapies: A Neurorelational Framework for Interdisciplinary Practice*, as part of the W.W. Norton series on “interpersonal neurobiology.”

Friday, May 29, 2009, from 9:00a.m.-4:30 p.m. (Registration starts @ 8:30am)
FEE: $79** $15 for CE (6 CE Credits available for psychologist, LCSW, & LMFT)

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