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NFP GLOBAL TRANSITION UPDATE NEWSLETTER



From left to right: Marc Arseneau (License Holder), Dr. Normand Carrey, Marcia DeSantis, Gail, Flora Murphy, Dr. Jessie Kancir and Jen MacDougall

Dear Colleagues,

We hope your autumn has been going well. Here are some exciting updates we've been working on since our last newsletter.

Welcome, Nova Scotia, to the NFP Global Family.

After months of working with Gail to set things into motion, Nova Scotia has officially announced its participation in Nurse Family Partnership. This marks the third province in Canada to implement NFP, and we are so excited to have them on board! Gail got to attend an event with the Nova Scotia Minister of Health. See photo to the left of Gail and the Nova Scotia team.

USA National NFP Symposium

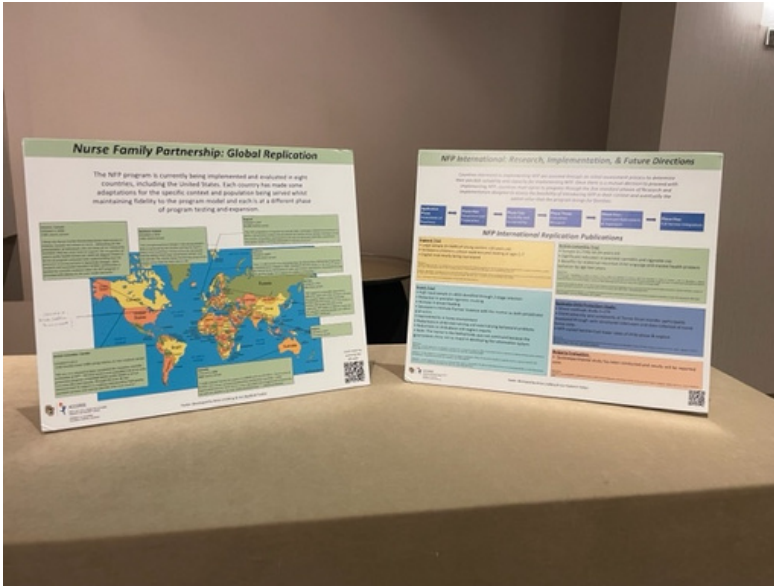
Gail shared a poster presentation at the annual NSO NFP Symposium highlighting the work of NFP outside USA and the families served. There was much interested from the 750 (or so) NFP Nurses to hear of NFP implementation where you are! The poster is now on the front page of our website. You can see it here: <https://nfpinternational.org/>.



Mandy Allison (PRC Director, Gail, and Elly Yost at the NFP Symposium in Seattle

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Establishment of the Global Collaborative Guidance Group (GCGG)

The first 'shadow meeting' for the GCGG will be held on October 24 at 1 PM MT. We are excited to get started, answer your questions, and move this work forward.

The first two shadow meetings will allow the group to reflect together on the papers shared with the NFP Global Community.

Updated NFP Global Organogram

Please visit the newly added 'Global Collaborative Group Resources' tab of the NFP International website (under the 'Resources' section: <https://nfpinternational.org/global-collaborative-group-resources/>), where we have posted a newly developed organizational chart, outlining roles and responsibilities of our team. You can also find the past few newsletters on this webpage. Several edits have been made to the organogram since the last newsletter, take a look and let us know what you think!

British Columbia RCT Publication

Another report on the randomized clinical trial of NFP in British Columbia has been published, this time on the postnatal (birth-to-age-two) findings. The basic postnatal findings are as follows:

Compared to children randomly assigned to the control group, those visited by NFP nurses had:

- higher levels of maternal-reported toddler language functioning,
- lower levels of maternal-reported behavior problems, and
- fewer days hospitalized for injuries and ingestions in the first two years of life.

These improvements in child language, behavior, and days hospitalized may be linked to corresponding reductions in the numbers of cigarettes nurse-visited mothers smoked and their use of cannabis over the course of pregnancy (Catherine et al. 2020). Exposures to these toxicants during gestation increase children's behavioral dysregulation which in turn make it more challenging for parents to care well for them postnatally.

Key findings from the postnatal evaluation of British Columbia's Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP) program can be found in the Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry by clicking this link (Catherine et al., 2023) and additional supporting information can be found here: (<https://childhealthpolicy.ca/child-language-and-mental-health/>).

Through this trial, BC has found that its support of this evidence-based program and its focus on high-quality, equitable services for families most need has produced rigorous evidence that it is making a difference. This study contributes to the strong body of evidence on the benefits of NFP when it serves mothers and children experiencing inequities.

Website updates

A reminder to check the website, <https://nfpinternational.org/> for periodic updates, news & events, meeting recordings, and more.

Ann's UK Sendoff

Here are some photos from the events in Glasgow and London organized to celebrate Ann. Enjoy!



Ann and David, at her retirement lunch in Glasgow (he surprised her there!)



Marion McPhillips (Scotland), Ann, and Lesley O'Donnell (Scotland)