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FROM THE PRESIDENT! (OF OAIMH, THAT IS)

Twinkle Schottke

Hello and welcome to Spring! Just as the grass, trees and flowers are showing new life all around us, so also blooming is the work of your OAIMH Board! We are happy that complications with our website have been resolved and we can again bring you a fresh copy of *Baby Talk* as well as new information on the impact of screen time on very young children. Look for Board Member Will Mosier's informative presentation elsewhere in this section of the website. If you click on the "OAIMH Board" link, you can see who currently is serving you on behalf of Ohio's Infants and Toddlers.

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Please contact the Editor at john.kinsel@gmail.com with your comments, suggestions, submissions, etc. Thanks, THE ED.

We are pleased that one of the wrinkles ironed out on this webpage is our on-line membership link. You should now be able to join or renew your membership simply by clicking the "Membership" tab. The membership process flows through OCCRRA's Ohio Professional Registry, so if you do not have an account with OPR, you can do so through the same Membership portal. Should you have any difficulty doing so, please contact Baby Talk Editor John Kinsel at john.kinsel@gmail.com.

As you may know, the OAIMH Board has been working tirelessly to bring the Michigan Infant Mental Health Endorsement to Ohio. After many struggles, we now are in very serious conversation with an agency interested in providing the seed funding to allow this to happen. The Board is very excited and expects to be able to make an official announcement very soon. Watch this space!

In other news, a number of OAIMH Board members will be presenting at the Ohio Department of Health's upcoming Home Visitor's Summit in Columbus on April 16. We will also have a display table with information about our organization. If you are attending, please attend one of our sessions or drop by our table. We'd love to see you! For more information about the Summit, click here: <http://www.helpmegrow.ohio.gov/2018-Summit/2018-Ohio-Home-Visiting-Summit.aspx>.

From the President, cont'd.

Similarly, OAIMH will be a presence at the Ohio Department of Health's Early Childhood Mental Health Conference scheduled for April 23-25, 2018. For more information on this conference, click the following:

<http://mha.ohio.gov/Default.aspx?tabid=175&ModuleID=662&ItemID=1073&mctl=EventDetails>. Once again, OAIMH will have a display table as well co-sponsoring a reception for attendees from 5-7 PM on Monday, April 23rd. Please drop by and say "Hi!" Also, check out Twinkle's presentation!

Speaking of Conferences, the Southwest Chapter of OAIMH is bringing Michael Trout back to Cincinnati on June 9th. Watch your email and this site for a Save the Date and specific registration information as we get closer to this event occurring.

I want to thank the OAIMH Board members for working their regular jobs and graciously volunteering their time to attend board meeting, present on behalf of OAIMH and advocate with us at many levels. Without your dedication and commitment, we would not be able to continue the work that we do on behalf of the babies of Ohio. Thank you again!

If there is anything I can help you with or connections you need around the state send me an e-mail. Keep up the great work in advocating for our Babies of Ohio!!

Your OAIMH President,

Twinkle

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CALLING ALL OAIMH MEMBERS!!

OAIMH needs your help adding to our roles. Encourage your friends, co-workers and anyone you know who cares about infants and toddlers to join. Tell them about our website and tell them to join. When it comes to supporting Ohio's babies, we're



all in this together! Thanks!

