



EASTCONN EARLY CHILDHOOD INITIATIVE'S

9th Annual Infant/Toddler Conference

*Bridging Strong Relationships
between Families, Caregivers
and Staff Members*



Friday, March 3rd, 2023
8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

*\$95, includes a light
breakfast, lunch & resources*

**EASTCONN
Conference Center
376 Hartford Turnpike
Hampton, CT 06247**

Register at:

www.eastconn.org/toddlerconference



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**Featuring A Keynote Presentation By:
Shaneil "PJ" Yarborough & Jenny Dura, M.S.**

"Unlocking the Power of Strengthening Families"

This session will engage participants in shared learning around the implementation of the Strengthening Families Protective Factors Framework. Strategies for partnering with parents, ideas for structures and engagement, and many other opportunities and challenges will be discussed to ensure the programs' value and support of all families.

Breakout Session Options Include:

- **The Power of Reciprocity in Culturally Responsive Communication**
Presenter: **Marina Rodriguez**, EC & Leadership Coach, ENDT: Infant Family Specialist, All Our Kin
- **Born a Statistic – Caring for Children from Hard Places**
Presenter: **Shaneil "PJ" Yarborough** Published author and motivational speaker. She is an Early Childhood Trainer and Family Child Care Support for the University of Arkansas Early Care and Education Projects
- **How Trauma May Affect You in Your Work with Infants, Young Children and Their Families**
Presenter: **Heidi Maderia, MS, IMH-E®** Executive Director, CT Association for Infant Mental Health
- **Infant and Toddler Social-Emotional Development**
Presenter: **Jenny Dura, M.S.** Early Childhood Training Advisor Manager, University of Arkansas

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