Welcome to our bi-weekly Newsflash!

In order to condense the information of the list serve, we will send a bi-weekly Newsflash with upcoming events, news, articles, reports, and other relevant information.

This is a new effort and will improve over time.

All comments and suggestions are welcome.

Important announcement from one of our members:

Gotabaya Rajapaksa Sri Lanka's first National Centre for Children with Disabilities declared open

Dear all
Thank you for supporting me in many ways in my journey.
Today finally I can say we have achieved something for Sri Lanka.
We opened the first national center for children with disabilities in Sri Lanka yesterday where I work.
A fully fledged center with an early intervention centre, learning center, gait lab, sensory room, several CVI intervention rooms, an audiology centre
A truly multi disciplinary centre with a focus on early intervention, family centred, learning and supported employment.
The President of the country opened it and the best thing is he spent one hour walking around and I managed to inform him about all the needs, the gaps, and the best available evidence based interventions.
He was so keen and hopefully we can take Sri Lanka to the next level.
The video shows how we walked around with him.
Thank you again for giving me an opportunity to learn together with you.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KVvyehNzp4&app=desktop
Best wishes
Samanmali Sumanasena

News:


  In First, Actor With Down Syndrome Presents At Oscars - Disability Scoop
  
  On Hollywood’s biggest night of the year, an actor with Down syndrome joined the ranks of A-listers to present an Academy Award. Zack Gottsagen, who has the chromosomal disorder, took the stage Sunday night to announce the Oscar for best live action short. Gottsagen presented alongside Shia ...
  
  [www.disabilityscoop.com](http://www.disabilityscoop.com)


  “Suffering in Silence”: New CARE report highlights top 10 crises that received little to no media attention in 2019 | INEE

  Madagascar’s chronic food crisis ranks #1 in CARE’s report “Suffering in Silence” which was launched globally today. The international aid organization’s analysis of global online media coverage is now in its fourth year and shows a concerning trend of certain countries annually recurring on the list.
  
  inee.org

Bangladesh: Rohingya children get access to education | Amnesty International

The Bangladesh government has announced it will offer schooling and skills training opportunities to Rohingya refugee children, two and a half years after they were forced to flee crimes against humanity in Myanmar.

www.amnesty.org

30 Years After the Adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Disregard for International Law Protecting Children During Conflict is Alarming - United Nations Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict | To promote and protect the rights of all children affected by armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General on Children and Armed Conflict to the Human Rights Council Boys and girls around the world continued to be highly impacted by conflict and to suffer grievous violations of their rights, including while deprived of liberty for their actual or alleged association with armed groups, highlighted the

childrenandarmedconflict.un.org

Antibiotics commonly prescribed to infants linked to childhood allergies,
research suggests

Antibiotics commonly prescribed to babies may lead to an increased risk of allergies later in childhood, possibly because the medications can affect an infant's gut bacteria, according to a new ...

www.wxyz.com

Events:

- **Webinar: Arab States 2019 GEM Report on migration, displacement and education: Building bridges not walls**
  INEE and GEM Report
  Wednesday, 12 February 2020, 15:00-16:00 CET (Paris)
  https://rescue.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5AocOgqrzgoQ4lzOgUsYUNcnEGAYXsnQ?utm_source=INEE+email+lists&utm_campaign=9557753965-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_05_15_02_04_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_710662b6ab-9557753965-25783713

  Welcome! You are invited to join a meeting: Arab States 2019 GEM Report on migration, displacement and education: Building bridges not walls. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting.

  Presentation and discussion of the Arab States 2019 GEM Report on migration, displacement and education: Building bridges not walls
  rescue.zoom.us

- **WEBINAR: Supporting Siblings of Children with Mental Health Needs**
  Tuesday, February 18, 2020, 1:00 - 1:30 pm
  https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2266166434962879245?source=email&ct=t(November_workshop_webinars_COPY_01)&mc_cid=c548d0f2ab&mc_eid=7d27a59a3

- **International Conference on Birth Defects and Disabilities in the Developing World.**

https://outlook.live.com/mail/0/AQMkADAwATEyMGE3LTRjMzMALT...MGE3LTRjMzMALTzYtMDACLTAwCgAQADL3rJ2v0E5FpgQ8qCQm5iY%3D
Colombo, Sri Lanka, February 23-26 2020
http://icbd.marchofdimes.org

Home | ICBD 2020
About the conference Recognizing the need to build capacity in lower-income countries for the prevention of birth defects and preterm birth and care of those affected, the goal of these biennial conferences has been to provide specific practical tools and approaches that developing country participants can use to implement and strengthen surveillance and health care delivery and influence ...
icbd.marchofdimes.org

- **Webinar: Beyond Academics: New Measures for Social-Emotional Learning, Mental Health, and Implementation Quality**

  INEE, IRC, NYC
  27 February 2020 | 09:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
  https://rescue.zoom.us/meeting/register/uZwoc-Cvrjkusmc9YJo2m3bTIEV9Bbca-g?_ga=2.216787679.830798890.1580146959-2128816144.1580146959
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  rescue.zoom.us

- **Webinar: Speaking the Unspeakable: Trauma through crisis and displacement in early childhood**

  Elevate Children Funders Group, International Education Funders Group, Moving Minds Alliance

https://outlook.live.com/mail/0/AQMkADAwATEyMGE3LTRjMzMALT...MGE3LTRjMzMALTiZTYtMDACLTAwCgAQADL3rJ2v0E5FpgQ8qCQmSiY%3D
Event Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:00AM - 12:00PM EDT / 5:00PM CET

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Webinar: Gender Responsive Education Sector Planning — Education Equity Research Initiative

The Education Equity Research Initiative is excited to host the Gender Responsive Education Sector Planning (GRESP) Webinar, an interactive webinar that will explore GRESP as a means of integrating a gender lens into the budgeting process. A growing body of research has shown...

www.educationequity2030.org

• https://www.youngchildexpo.com/new-york-city-conference

New York City Conference — Los Niños Training

Friday, May 1, 2020. Steve Spangler, Science Education STEM Expert, Steve Spangler Inc, CO. Steve Spangler is the host of the syndicated television series DIY Sci on FOX, and he’s a regular guest on Ellen DeGeneres Show where the Burbank fire department is always on stand-by. He’s a best-selling author and an Emmy award-winning speaker who will do just about anything it takes to get people...

www.youngchildexpo.com

• The Potential of Education for Integration Georg Arnhold International Summer Conference

Georg Arnhold Institute

Berlin, Germany | June 22-26, 2020

http://www.gei.de/en/fellowships/georg-arnhold-program/summer-conference.html?
utm_source=INEE+email+lists&utm_campaign=9557753965-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_05_15_02_04_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_710662b6ab-9557753965-25783713

GEI: Georg Arnhold International Summer Conference
• **Congreso Internacional de Discapacidad**

  **Septiembre 2020, Medellín, Colombia**
  [https://congresodiscapacidad.org](https://congresodiscapacidad.org)

• [https://worldforumfoundation.org/2021-event/](https://worldforumfoundation.org/2021-event/)

**2021 Event – World Forum Foundation**

Join early childhood professionals and advocates from around the world who will assemble in Vancouver to engage in work and dialogue to impact the futures of young children and their families.

[worldforumfoundation.org](http://worldforumfoundation.org)

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**Some interesting articles/reports:**

• **Inequalities in early childhood care and development in low/middle-income countries: 2010–2018**

  BMJ Global Health

  [https://gh.bmj.com/content/bmjgh/5/2/e002314.full.pdf](https://gh.bmj.com/content/bmjgh/5/2/e002314.full.pdf)

The Child Care Crisis Disproportionately Affects Children With Disabilities - Center for American Progress

Author’s note: The disability community is rapidly evolving to using identity-first language in place of person-first language. This is because it views disability as being a core component of ...

www.americanprogress.org


Baby and adult brains ‘sync up’ during play, finds Princeton Baby Lab

A team of Princeton researchers has conducted the first study of how baby and adult brains interact during natural play, and they found measurable similarities in their neural activity.

www.princeton.edu


Infants integrate firsthand and social experiences to decide when and how to try | ASU Now: Access, Excellence, Impact

January 20, 2020. They might not yet speak in complete sentences, but 18-month-olds are savvy when it comes to deciding when and how to try. According to a study from Arizona State University, the University of Washington and University of Toronto that has implications for how people learn, infants do not try things at random or simply mimic

asunow.asu.edu
Child Care Research: Year in Review 2019 Edition

CCoA’s research team compiled 2019's most important research findings about child care into a new resource, Child Care Research: Year in Review blog.

info.childcareaware.org

Promising Models for Preparing a Diverse, High-Quality Early Childhood Workforce

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learningpolicyinstitute.org

African Multi-Site 2-Year Neuropsychological Study of School-Age Children Perinatally Infected, Exposed, and Unexposed to Human Immunodeficiency Virus

Despite antiretroviral treatment initiation in early childhood, the group living with human immunodeficiency virus had poorer longitudinal neuropsychological pe
Less Active Infants Had Greater Fat Accumulation, Study Finds - 2020 - News Releases - News - Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health

Less physical activity for infants below one year of age may lead to more fat accumulation which in turn may predispose them to obesity later in life, suggests a study led by researchers at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

www.jhsph.edu

Association of maternal antiretroviral use with microcephaly in children who are HIV-exposed but uninfected (SMARTT): a prospective cohort study

These findings support consideration of alternatives to efavirenz as part of first-line antiretroviral therapy for pregnant women.

www.thelancet.com

Combined prenatal smoking and drinking greatly increases SIDS risk | National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
“The Safe Passage Study provides important new information about the role of dual exposures to prenatal smoking and drinking as risk factors for SIDS,” said co-first author Hannah C. Kinney, M.D., of the Department of Pathology at Boston Children’s Hospital and Harvard School of Medicine.

www.niaaa.nih.gov

- **Caregiver Stories:**
  

- **SCALING UP - springimpact.org**

  AUTHORS Maria V. Rodrigues Marina Kaneko Carolina Bermúdez Joan Lombardi Steve Fisher Dan Berelowitz

  MADE POSSIBLE BY: ABOUT SPRING IMPACT Spring Impact is a non-profit that focuses purely on

  www.springimpact.org

**Resources:**

- **R4D Insights:**
  
  https://us1.campaign-archive.com/?u=6c3212a6ca42b75aaead60ceb&id=eff7b52683&e=561fa7f97f

- **CDC Vital Signs: Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs): Preventing Early Trauma to Improve Adult Health**

  https://www.cdc.gov/vitalsigns/ACEs/

  https://edtechhub.org/2020/01/22/18-large-scale-edtech-initiatives-on-our-radar-in-2020/
18 large-scale EdTech initiatives on our radar in 2020 - The EdTech Hub

During the EdTech Hub’s inception phase so far, one question we hear a lot is: “What interesting or notable EdTech initiatives are you seeing?” Another question usually follows: “Which ones are reaching scale?” This week we have joined the global education community in London for the Education World Forum and BETT meetings. This is a [...]

edtechhub.org


**IMPROVING HIV SERVICE DELIVERY FOR INFANTS, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

2 IMPROVING HIV SERVICE DELIVERY FOR INFANTS, CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: A FRAMEWORK FOR COUNTRY PROGRAMMING The world can and must do better. For this reason, UNICEF, in collaboration with partners, has developed a framework to help countries around the world

ovcsupport.org


**The Brain Architects Podcast: Brain Architecture: Laying the Foundation**

Why are the early years of a child’s life so important for brain development? How are connections built in the brain, and how can early brain development affect a child’s future health? This episode of The Brain Architects dives into all these questions and more. First, Dr. Jack Shonkoff, director of the Center on the [...]

developingchild.harvard.edu


**We Are Here: A Child Participation**
Toolbox | Child Protection Hub for South East Europe

The Toolbox builds on a children’s rights perspective to provide the tools needed to implement meaningful child participation in a variety of settings and to prepare children to play leading roles in participatory events. It builds on an understanding that participation can come in many forms, and through a variety of engaging activities.

cchildhub.org

Call to Action:

• Call for Papers:


  Call for Papers: RISE Programme Annual Conference 2020
  RISE Programme Annual Conference 2020 Call for Papers (Deadline Friday, 27 March 2020)
  www.riseprogramme.org


  Building Bridges - Early Childhood Intervention conference in Prague (Czech Republic) this year. Abstracts invited

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or information to any organisation.
www.tacinterconnections.com

- **Survey: Private sector contributions to education in crises**
  Alison Doyle, Teachers College - Columbia University
  
  https://tccolumbia.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3t9NbPOcPdabwwZ?
  utm_source=INEE+email+lists&utm_campaign=9557753965-
  EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2019_05_15_02_04_COPY_01&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_71066
  2b6ab-9557753965-25783713

- http://www.tacinterconnections.com/index.php/allnews/researchsurveys/3281-academic-
  special-needs-can-you-help

  Academic responsibilities in integrating health, education and
  social care around children with disabilities and special needs. Can
  you help?

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**Job opportunities:**


  UNICEF Programme Associate | Child Protection Hub for South East Europe

  UNICEF is looking for a Programme Associate for their team in Bulgaria. This role has the function of supporting
  the relevant sections of the organization by performing a range of program support functions. It aims to support
  the development, implementation and monitoring of the program in the country, while ensuring effective and

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