

## **Tri-Chair Interviews for Infant Health and Development**

Erica Phillips, All Our Kin



What is your day job?

I am the Chief Operating Officer at All Our Kin. All Our Kin builds high-quality, sustainable family childcare programs, giving our youngest and most vulnerable children the quality learning experiences that they need and deserve.

What do you value from your work with Cradle to Career?

I appreciate the opportunity to connect meaningfully with other partners in Stamford. We all have the same goals but bring different perspectives and strengths. Collectively, we're able to do more together and improve outcomes for children and families. From my perspective, our biggest accomplishment has been creating a Stamford specific system to aggregate and review data from early childhood screenings across the city. This will enable us to be responsive to the needs of the littlest learners and their families across the city. We still have a lot of work to do to make this a robust system; however, we've taken a step in the right direction. What do you like to do in your free time? I love to spend time with my family. When I do have a moment alone, I enjoy losing myself in a great book.



**Carole Elias, Family Centers** 

What is your day job?

My day job is COO at Family Centers. In that capacity have oversight for many of the 24 programs we provide to the community. What do you value from your work with Cradle to Career?

Cradle to Career provides an invaluable opportunity to meet, communicate and collaborate with other Stamford agencies. Through this collaboration we can enhance and expand needed services and cooperate on existing programs. The IHD has been able to expand an assessment tool, ASQs, to the Stamford community so that parents and teachers can assess and remediate early childhood developmental concerns. The focus on prenatal care is ongoing and shall result in healthier mothers and babies. What do you hope to see in the next year? In the next year we hope to see an expansion of goals to include infants through 5-year olds. Focus will be on pre-kindergarten readiness through the empowerment of families to advocate for children's social. emotional, medical and cognitive needs. What did you enjoy about your summer? Summer is going too quickly. Still waiting for "slow down" in order to garden and possibly read a book!!

Members of the Infant Health and Development CAN are a committed group of community stakeholders who are experts in the field of infant health and development: "All Stamford infants will be healthy"

**Emily Goldschmid, Children's Learning Centers** 



What is your day job?

I am a social worker and my current title is Family Service Manager [with Children's Learning Centers].

What do you value from your work with Cradle to Career?

I value the collaboration, the creative process, and the shared focus of improving the lives of children and their families in our community

What do you hope to see in the next year?

I hope to start seeing the impact of our hard work, and am excited about the opportunity to brainstorm and integrate our work with the work of the other CANS to continue moving our vision forward

What did you enjoy about your summer? For me, summer is all about live music!

