

## Workshop Presenters

### *How Our Feelings Impact our Work: The Importance of Reflective Practices in Early Childhood Work*

**Lorri Sullivan, M.Ed** is the Associate Director for Training/Consultation at the YCS Institute. In this role she provides training and consultation for a variety of Early Childhood programs including: Early Head Start/Head Start, Early Intervention, school districts and community child care programs. She participated as an Infant Mental Health Consultant on a national project, “Pathways to Prevention” with the *Zero to Three* organization and is a past member of the Board of Directors for the NJ Infant Mental Health Association. Ms. Sullivan is proud to serve as a consultant with the “Coming Together Around Military Families” project at *Zero to Three* providing training and consultation regarding the needs of military infants and young children from military families.

### *The Relationship between Ethically and Culturally-Sensitive Practices*

**Aileen Torres, Ph.D.** is currently the Associate Director of Clinical Services at the YCS Institute and Past-President (2011) of the Latino Psychological Association of New Jersey (LPANJ). Dr. Torres represents LPANJ on N J’s, Department of Children and Families, Advisory Group on Child Abuse and Neglect Mental Health Evaluation. Dr. Torres, a licensed clinical psychologist in NJ and Puerto Rico, is also currently in private practice in Montclair where she specializes in psychological assessments, mainly for immigration purposes. Dr. Torres has presented on Ethics and Cultural Competency at the NJ Task Force on Child Abuse and Neglect and on other related topics at the Eastern Psychological Association, American Psychological Association’s, Minority Fellowship Program and the Symposium on Hispanic Mental Health Disparities in Puerto Rico.

### *Working Towards a Better Understanding of the Grieving Process for Children and Adolescents*

**Stella Osemwegie, Ph.D., LPC** is the director of In-Community Services for YCS. In this role Dr. Osemwegie oversees community programs and participates in direct services where she engages in helping children process their losses. She uses her training in Parent Child Interaction Therapy, Touchpoints, Mind in the Making, and Adoption Counseling, to provide psychotherapy and support to families with special needs children. Through her doctoral work, Dr. Osemwegie has developed a culturally based curriculum for bereavement support group and is currently working on an accompanying manual to train volunteers. She continues to engage in charitable work with bereaved children in Africa. Dr. Osemwegie maintains a small private practice for children and adults in Verona, NJ.