The Early Relational Health Sub-Committee of ECFC invites you to join a pre-meeting session featuring two innovative models & approaches to supporting the infant and early childhood mental health and well-being of babies, infants, and toddlers by fostering and strengthening relationships between parents and other caregivers and very young children starting prenatally and through the first few years of life. The presentations in this session will lift up the role of philanthropy in launching these efforts and in leveraging public support, scale and sustainability.

Model 1: Community-Based Doula Program
Developed 25 years ago through a partnership between the Irving Harris Foundation, HealthConnect One (HC1), the Ounce of Prevention Fund and three community agencies the Community Based Doula (CBD) program model was developed to provide authentic and culturally relevant support to pregnant women, young parents and their newborn babies, the model empowers parents by helping them form secure and trusting relationships that will nurture and support their child’s healthy development while strengthening their own self-efficacy as parents and providers to their baby.

Learning Objectives for Model 1:
- Learn about the nationally replicated HC1 Community-based Doula model history and framework
- Learn how the model has been adapted across Illinois with public funding and in Washington State as part of the home visiting program portfolio and new implementation efforts in New Jersey.
- Hear directly from program leaders and a doula from the Ounce of Prevention and HC1 on how and why they support the model and how it supports early relational health

Speakers:
- **Phyllis Glink**, Executive Director, Irving Harris Foundation (Facilitator)
- **Brenda Blasingame**, Executive Director, HealthConnect One (HC1) and other HC1 Representatives
- **Diana Rauner**, President, The Ounce of Prevention Fund and other Ounce Representatives
- **Becca Graves**, Executive Director, Perigee Fund

Model 2: Cross-System Mental Health Consultation
The Illinois Children’s Mental Health Partnership is working closely with numerous public and private partners to design a multi-year expansion initiative that advances the goal of a universal, effective, and sustainable infant & early childhood mental health consultation model in Illinois with an expanded qualified workforce.
LEARNING OBJECTIVES FOR MODEL 2:

- Learn how Illinois developed a model that is being piloted across child and family-serving systems including early learning, home visiting, early intervention and public health.
- Learn about how the model works to increase the quality of the relationships between caregivers and children and how it leads to higher quality experiences that foster healthy development.
- Learn how a robust public-private partnership is leading to systems and policy changes that will support taking this model to scale.

Speakers:

- Denise Castillo Dell Isola, Senior Program Officer, Irving Harris Foundation (Facilitator)
- Katie Kelly, Director of Communications and Community Initiatives, J.B. & M.K. Pritzker Family Foundation
- Colette Lueck, Project Director, Illinois Mental Health Consultation Initiative
- Allison Lowe-Fotos, Policy Director, The Ounce of Prevention Fund
- Penny Smith, Principal Consultant-Early Childhood Division, Illinois State Board of Education
- Linda Delimata, Mental Health Consultation Director, Illinois Children’s Mental Health Partnership