

Dear Friends of BBH,

Welcome to the Spring 2010 Edition of our Bringing Baby Home Connections Newsletter! With this newsletter, I would like to officially welcome some new faces to the BBH Family...

- ✓ **Welcome to our newly trained Certified Gottman Educators (CGEs)!** We had a very successful Winter 2010 BBH Certification Training here in Seattle this past February. We are happy to announce that we now have 45 new CGEs to add to our group. And what a wonderful group they are! I was very pleased to have the opportunity to get to know some of the new CGEs, who come from a variety of backgrounds and geographic areas and seem as passionate about helping couples through the transition to parenthood as John Gottman himself. It was highly enjoyable to listen to all of the fascinating questions and ideas brought forth by the new CGEs during the Certification Training. Thanks to everyone who participated! I'd also like to give a very special thanks to Joni Parthemer, our BBH Education Director—who beautifully orchestrated the entire event—and to Emily Nackley, our BBH Program Coordinator—who organized the training from start to finish and became a CGE herself in the process! Outstanding job, Joni and Emily!! Many thanks also go out to Carolyn Pirak, Joan Herman, and Heidi Koss-Knoble, who also made significant contributions to the Training via their participation in our panel.
- ✓ **Welcome to our new BBH Training Specialists (TS)—Lynee Brown, Beth Goss, Julia Laibson, Jennyfer Ryden, and Lisa Tinkersley!** We are including brief bios for each our new Training Specialists in this edition of our newsletter. The Training Specialists started off as CGEs and were invited to become TS based on their level of excellence in facilitating the BBH Workshops with families in their areas. It was a pleasure to see all of them in action at the Winter Training—sharing so much information about families and modeling a variety of thought-provoking teaching methods. Thank you all for all of the hard work and effort that you put into the training process and event! The new CGEs surely benefited from experiencing your wealth of knowledge and styles. Now that these individuals have experienced the process of planning and conducting a BBH Certification Training, they will be available to assist with upcoming Seattle-based and on-site Trainings. Speaking of which...
- ✓ **Upcoming BBH Certification Training Opportunities.** Stay tuned for details about the Seattle-based Certification Training that we've got scheduled for this September 2010. Alternatively, if you or your organization is interested in having a BBH Certification Training for a group of folks at your site, please contact Emily Nackley for details about our new on-site training options.

As always, please stay in touch with BBH via our newly revised website, www.bbhonline.org. Also, if you have ideas for articles that you'd be interested in seeing in our newsletter, or if you have stories of your own that you'd like to share, please let us know! We may feature your topic or story in one of our upcoming newsletters. Thanks very much for your continued support of the Relationship Research Institute's Bringing Baby Home Program. Happy Spring!

Best regards,

Renay Bradley and the BBH Team