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A Note from CEO / Director – Dr. Tara Pir

Our whole self includes our personal and professional self as they are influentially interrelated in the developmental process of life. Our personality traits are motivated by our own moral and ethical values that drive us toward our professional career paths. Accordingly, we are accountably responsible to provide self-care for our whole self in both domains. In the context of being a leader of our life and not necessarily passively following what happens, we must remain accountable to make necessary adjustments on either domain to remain fully human and fully accountable and operating from the whole self. Then, the traditional concept of "retirement" must be revisited for necessary changes as we cannot compromise either part of ourselves, only make adjustments or restructure as needed. I made a strong commitment to dedicate my whole self into the mission of our organization. I am so elated to receive the confirmation of my intention by our team members, including doctoral interns, with their innovative gift of a "magazine" reflecting on their perception of my contributions.

Gratefully yours!

Postdoctoral Resident Research Projects & Graduation!





As a part of the postdoc residency requirements, Dr. Sarah and Dr. Michael presented their 2 research projects, a case study and a project on supervision. Based on the successful completion in addition to achieving all required competencies, they graduated from our postdoctoral residency clinical training program! Please join us with best wishes for their continued professional journey!



EPI- LA Outreach!



Our Early Psychosis Intervention (EPI-LA) team participated in the Cal State LA Wellness Fair this month! This outreach raises awareness about the unique early intervention services that the EPI-LA team provides for our community.

International Presentation

Recently, Dr. Pir was invited to present her innovative model of supervision: "Multifaceted Supervision Model as an Expertise" to Clinical Masters Students at Adelaide University in Australia. The presentation included Dr. Pir and the Supervisory Team. The presentation was extremely well-received, described as "enriching, intellectually stimulating, and deeply inspiring" by participants!

Adelaide University

Celebrating Dr. Pir's Birthday!

September is a special month for IMCES as we celebrate the birthday of Founder & CEO, Dr. Tara Pir!
This year, the team organized a surprise event to acknowledge Dr. Pir and her many contributions to the organization, profession, and community at large.
Thank you all for your presence and contribution, especially our amazing organizers, Mashrouteh & Nancy!
The Doctoral Interns put together an elaborate magazine that included well wishes from the whole team. If you didn't get a chance to see it at the event, click here to view it!





Recognition of "Accountability" Outstanding Performance

The following team members reached & exceeded 100% of their productivity requirements in the month of September!

- Gilmore Villegas
  - Case Manager
- Dr. Soorena Sardarzadeh
  - Clinician
- Yorland Tellez
  - Case Manager
- Dr. Tara Omrani
  - Rehab Specialist
- Susana Tapia
  - Parent Partner
- Bora Meraj
  - Doctoral Intern
- Natalie Vargas
  - Doctoral Intern

In addition, **Dr. Ocegueda** met 100% timeliness for same day submission!

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