Conference Bios:

Dia Michels:

Dia L. Michels is an award-winning, internationally published science and parenting writer. She is the founder and president of Platypus Media, an independent press dedicated to promoting attachment parenting, breastfeeding, and safe infant sleep. She published James J. McKenna’s first book on cosleeping and will be releasing his new book, Safe Infant Sleep, in January. In addition to publishing many books, booklets, and pamphlets for healthcare professionals, community leaders, and parents, she has authored or coauthored over a dozen books for adults and kids. Her titles include This Is How I Grow, Cuddled and Carried, If My Mom Were a Platypus: Mammal Babies and Their Mothers, Breastfeeding Facts for Fathers, and Milk, Money and Madness: The Culture and Politics of Breastfeeding. Her books have been translated into Spanish, Dutch, Hebrew, Chinese and Korean. Dia has long believed that science literacy is the key to appreciating the miracle of breastmilk and the importance of cosleeping. This led her to create and run Science Naturally, a press designed to increase science and math literacy for elementary and middle school children. She presents regularly at healthcare, library, education, and parenting conferences across the country. Mother to three adult children, Dia lives in Washington, D.C. with her three cats and a sweet Corgi.

Diane Madrigal:

Diane Madrigal is a Master trainer and presenter for Adverse Childhood Effects (ACES). Diane lives in Sonoma County with her two children, and is an advocate for ACES. Her work and her personal mission includes helping individuals access recovery services, and find healing. Diane’s work experience includes working for Valley of the Moon Children’s Home for 12 years as the Program Development Manager prior to being promoted to her current position as the Substance Use Disorder and Recovery Services Section Manager in 2012. Her career includes extensive experience working with pregnant and parenting women in the nonprofit organization-Ventura County Hispanic Commission, as the executive director for Casa Latina Residential Recovery Home. Diane’s personal endeavors include
working with women in recovery, survivors of domestic violence and is authored in the anthology “Cry of the Nightbird: Writers Against Domestic Violence”. ACES has become one of her passions and she is excited about the opportunity to share this great study with you.

**Rosanne Gephart:**

Rosanne is a certified nurse-midwife, (CNM), nurse practitioner (NP), and board certified lactation consultant, (IBCLC). She has over 40 years experience working with mothers and babies in hospitals, birth centers, and homes. Rosanne is the founder of the Santa Rosa Birth Center, (formerly the Womens Health and Birth Center), in Santa Rosa, CA. Rosanne directed one of the first centers in the USA to be designated “Baby Friendly” by the World Health Organization. Rosanne has served in leadership and teaching positions in numerous state and national organizations that serve to promote the excellent care of midwives, birth centers, and lactation professionals. She currently works as a midwife, lactation consultant, and business consultant for numerous centers. Rosanne is the founder and president of Better Beginnings and has a passion for improving the care of women and children.

**Dr. Erin Lund:**

Erin grew up in the rural mountains of Oregon. She completed her schooling in Boston at Wellesley College for undergrad and Harvard University for Medical School. She completed her residency in family medicine in 2008 in Santa Rosa, CA and a two-year surgical obstetrics fellowship and MPH at the University of New Mexico. Erin has a passion for treating addiction in pregnancy. She works at Santa Rosa Community Health (SRCH) caring for a diverse population of underserved patients. Erin joined the core faculty for the UCSF-Affiliated Santa Rosa Family Medicine Residency Program in 2013 to serve as the Maternity Care Director and has enjoyed expanding her teaching role.
In 2015 Erin founded New Beginnings Clinic, a multidisciplinary clinic that serves pregnant women and their newborns with high risk social conditions, such as active substance use disorder, incarceration, homelessness and serious mental illness. Her team of physicians, nurses, licensed clinical social worker and MA care coordinator provide addiction services and medical care in a supportive environment.