

Welcome to **25,000**: your briefing from inside our office here at Bellevue Hospital to keep you abreast of what's impacting the lives of the twenty-five thousand children--some of New York City's most at-risk youth--who come through our doors every year.

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## Video Interaction Project

### Did you know poverty-related disparities in social-emotional development represent a significant barrier to children's learning?

Our **VideoInteractionProject(VIP)** addresses these developmental problems before they emerge using pediatric primary care as the entry point to reach families. Begun in 1999 at NYC Health+Hospitals/Bellevue with the support of Children of Bellevue, VIP is an evidence-based parenting program using videotaping and developmentally-appropriate toys, books, and resources to help parents strengthen early development and literacy in their children through pretend play, shared reading, and daily routines.



A VIP interventionist meets with a mom and her baby to strengthen the mother's parenting skills.

The individualized program, delivered at pediatric well-visits from birth to five years, reduces gaps in early learning by:

- helping parents understand their critical role in their child’s development and
- providing the parents with skills and confidence to engage in activities to stimulate brain development and foster behavior skills needed for effective learning.

**Recent studies showed that our Video Interaction Project reduced hyperactivity at school entry, with sustained impacts 1.5 years after children completed the program and increased impacts with continued intervention.**

Beyond Bellevue Hospital, VIP is currently being implemented at seven other locations in New York City, Pittsburgh, PA, and Flint, MI. In 2020, VIP is targeting expansion to six or more additional sites in New York City and Pittsburgh.

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**In Memory of Anne K. S. Embry**

In loving memory, the Board of Directors of Children of Bellevue and the staff of Bellevue Hospital remember our long-time friend and champion, Anne K. S. Embry.



**Anne K. S. Embry**, a native of Louisville, KY, made her home in New York in the 1960s and was a member of Children of Bellevue’s Board of Directors in the early 1970s. Anne passed away comfortably on October 28, 2019, under the care of Calvary Home Hospice. She continued to her last to support Children of Bellevue, sending several children to camp every summer in a program named for son, **Nathaniel (Renny) Weldon** who predeceased her along with her husband **Jack**.

With you for our kids -- today and every day,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is a stylized 'AJ' for Aubrie Jones. The second signature is 'Cheryl Reich' written in a cursive script.

Aubrie Jones and Cheryl Reich, Board Members for Children of Bellevue



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