



### A NOTE FROM JENNY

The loss of a child is one of life's most traumatic events. Grief does not discriminate and it is lifelong. The month of July is annually recognized as **Bereaved Parents Awareness Month**. Here are some resources from our PreemieWorld Directory. For a full list, go to: <https://premieworld.com/preemie-directory/>

- **Skylers Gift Foundation:** Supporting families who have experienced the loss of premature babies (<http://skylersgift.org>)
- **M.E.N.D. (Mommies Enduring Neonatal Death):** A Christian, non-profit organization that reaches out to families who have suffered the loss of a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, or early infant death. (<https://www.mend.org>)
- **Preemie Angels Support Wall:** Leave a special message for your little angel. (<https://premieworld.com/preemie-angels>)

If you are a parent who has lost a baby, we want you to know that you are not alone. Wherever you are in your grief, we are here to support you.

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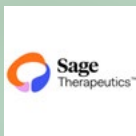
### STRATEGIC PARTNERS

PROLACTA BIOSCIENCE



[prolacta.com](http://prolacta.com)

SAGE THERAPEUTICS



[sagerx.com](http://sagerx.com)

NICU HEALING



[nicuhealing.com](http://nicuhealing.com)

ONCE UPON A PREEMIE



[onceuponapreemie.com](http://onceuponapreemie.com)

WANT TO PARTNER WITH PREMIEWORLD?

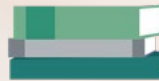
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## AFTER THE NICU

Not all preemies who were born early will need early intervention, but they are at risk for many conditions that make them eligible for early intervention. What is early intervention and what types of interventions are offered?

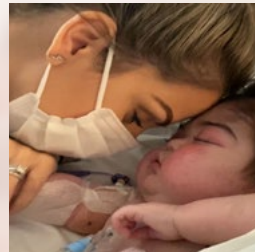
- **Early Intervention:** Early intervention is a group of federally funded programs carried out by each individual state in the U.S. and in regions across the globe. Basically, early intervention helps families and young children who have a developmental concern to make sure that these children grow to their greatest potential. Early intervention services are offered from birth to age three.
- **Services:** Because regions design different early intervention programs, services offered may vary. Early intervention is provided in many different settings, and always in the best place for the child. Early intervention might be provided in the child's home, in a daycare setting, or in a local clinic.

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## PREEMIE STORY OF THE MONTH

**KINGSTON JACKSON GARZA**



“Unlike anything that’s been seen: A True Miracle”

- Angie Garza

“The day Kingston was born, I didn’t know if he was alive. I didn’t hear him cry. I didn’t see him. I just remember them saying “*Congratulations! You aren’t pregnant anymore.*” I was only 28 weeks. *Bad choice of words,*” shares Kingston’s Mom, Angie.

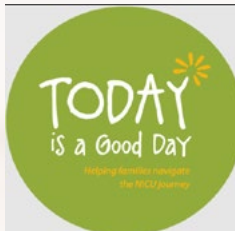
“I was left in the OR and all I could focus on were the bright lights and how cold it was. My husband had followed our son and the only 2 people in there with me were talking about a bill they had to pay but didn’t agree with...”

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## TODAY IS A GOOD DAY

**OUTREACH: NATIONAL**



In July 2010, Martha & Paul Sharkey were thrilled to learn they were pregnant and starting a family. The pregnancy was moving along as planned until November 2010. Something didn’t feel right. Martha was admitted to the hospital at 23 weeks. Twins, Claire Josephine and Mary Gladys arrived over 16 weeks early on November 14, 2010.

**Today is a Good Day** provides personal and financial support for any family who experiences the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit.

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## PREEMIE SWAG



It's not just the cool design or perfect fit—our t-shirts help support our organization.

Each shirt is constructed with 100% fine jersey cotton.



## QUESTION OF THE MONTH

*PTSD - What does that look like for you as a preemie parent?*

- @atmomalways: Guilt. Obsession over numbers. Risk adverse.
- @sillymommaof5littles: Joining the NICU Family Council to help other preemie families but breaking down in tears when you've volunteering in the unit and pass your babies' old room.
- @hatsandpeas: For me it is going to make the hats and blankets donation and walking into the NICUs usually sends me reeling...

## NON-PROFIT NEWS

**ALLIANCE FOR BLACK NICU FAMILIES**  
Now on Amazon Smile! | 2021

**SAUL'S LIGHT**  
NICU Health & Equity Summit | 9/23/21



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## WHAT'S NEW?

### GRAHAM'S FOUNDATION MENTOR PROGRAM INITIATIVE



Graham's Foundation has received a \$20,000 grant from Pampers to support the expansion of the foundation's Preemie Parent Mentor Program.

The new initiative, called "Connect," enables parents to quickly connect with one of the organization's trained mentors, each of whom has had their own experience with prematurity. The Preemie Parent Mentor Program is a complimentary service that provides resources and peer support to parents throughout their child's prematurity journey.



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## PREEMIE GENIUS



### HAND TO HOLD APP

Hand To Hold Launches a Mobile App To Help NICU Parents Access Emotional Support.

Convenience, compassion and connection for preemie parents!



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## PREMIERWORLD TAGS

### AADVIK LIJIN



Tag us on Instagram before the 15th of the month for a chance to be highlighted!

“ Aadvik was born at 29 weeks, 5 days and weighed 1.5 kgs. He spent 30 days in the NICU.

Today, Aadvik is 7 months old (5 months corrected). Aadvik loves to roll over and is almost crawling. He is also making full efforts to sit all by himself these days. He loves to mimic and is melting hearts with his lovely smile.”



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## PREEMIE FREEBIES

### MATERNAL & INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Our July freebie is a Statistics Card from the Alliance for Black NICU Families referencing the high maternal and infant mortality rates among African Americans. The Alliance seeks to raise the voices of Black families in the NICU. *Ahora disponible en Español!*



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