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Professional Tip!

Do your best to involve parents of preemies in decision-making about their baby's care in the NICU.

Organization:
Stormont Vail Healthcare
Topeka, Kansas

Title/Branch:
Medical Director, NICU

Years Helping Premies:
25

Preemie Focus:
Patient safety, quality improvement and better support of families NICU and post-NICU.

Have a pro to recommend? Email us: connect@preemieworld.com

Preemie Advocate: NPIHC

Join both parents and professionals at *Connections 2012*, the **National Premature Infant Health Coalition's** annual summit happening in Washington, DC June 14-15, 2012. Great speakers, plenty of networking and a chance to connect with so many people that truly want to make a difference in the world of prematurity. Register here: <http://conta.cc/NPIHC2012>

Preemie Resource: Life as a Premie Parent

PreemieWorld provides a number of free handouts to be used in the **NICU and beyond** in its "Freebies For You" section of the website. **This month's freebie is *Life as a Premie Parent***. "Being in the NICU is so isolating and it is often hard to describe to family, friends and colleagues why you are undergoing such a wide range of emotions," notes Deb Discenza, co-

Founder of PreemieWorld, LLC. "This document speaks for parents and it allows them to focus on what is most important – the baby." Parents and professionals alike will appreciate this freebie in that it is easy to print and reproduce. **Download it here: <http://bit.ly/PreemieLife> And check out more like this here: <http://bit.ly/PreemieFreebies>**

To Do List



Congrats to the 3 winners of our "little man" DVD: Cheryl Briggs, Kim Deynaka and David Stuart!



Professionals, sign up your organization to receive Preemie Family to distribute to your families: <http://bit.ly/PreemieFam4Pros>



Download PreemieWorld's FREE tools <http://bit.ly/PreemieFreebies> and pass them onto NICU Parents as part of your welcome packet:

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



June 14-15, 2012
Connections 2012
NPIHC
Washington, DC
<http://www.facebook.com/NPIHC>

June 23-27, 2012
AWHONN Annual Convention
New Orleans, La
<http://www.awhonn.org>

Have an event to share? Email us at connect@preemieworld.com

*Tools and Resources
for the Premie Community*

Preemie Support:



Lukas' Fund was established in 2003 in memory of Lukas Willem Bierema Ebell, the only child of Drs. Laura Bierema and Mark Ebell.

Programs include "Lukas Rooms" and "Piper Rooms" for families preparing to go home and those working through end-of-life care; providing education and resources to parents and professionals, and more.

Check out the group, its resources and more at the organization website at: www.LukasFund.org

Have a support group you want to share? Contact us! connect@preemieworld.com

Preemie Org: Preemie Parent Alliance

In 2010, preemie support groups across the U.S. (all led by parents of preemies) came together and formed the Preemie Parent Alliance.

Mission:

The Preemie Parent Alliance represents organizations that provide support to parents of preemies. The Alliance is committed to helping it's members provide quality information, resources, and support efficiently and effectively for the families we serve.

Web Site:

<http://bit.ly/PreemieParentA>

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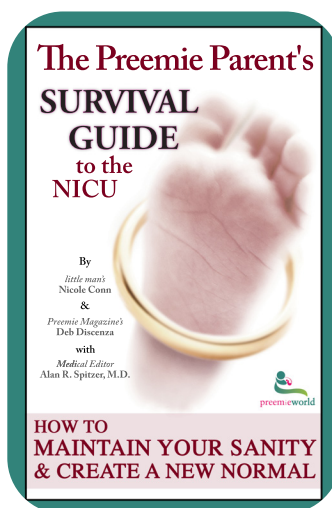
Keira and Richard Sorrells , founders of The Zoe Rose

Memorial Foundation hosted the Inaugural Preemie Parent Summit, bringing together 27 parents of preemies, from 24 preemie parent support organizations, from 14 different states. The result was a unanimous desire to see continued collaboration and partnership among the organizations.

Coming Up: Contact Keira regarding this year's summit - info@zoerose.org



PreemieWorld Subscriber Contest: You Could Win our Preemie Book!



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You could win a copy of *The Preemie Parent's Survival Guide to the NICU*
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PreemieWorld is doing a special subscriber contest of its popular *The Preemie Parent's Survival Guide to the NICU* book in its *Preemie Family* and its *Preemie Professional* newsletters. Subscribers to each edition are included and the last day to subscribe to participate in the contest is Tuesday, 22 May 2012.

"After the popularity of the *little man* DVD contest, we realized that there was an extreme interest in the preemie book as well," notes, co-author, Deb Discenza.

The guide has been a favorite of preemie parents worldwide and has been distributed to families and NICUs alike.

Parents & Professionals: Subscribe to our FREE newsletters today @ www.PreemieWorld.com

Subscribing to Preemie Professional is easy to do at www.PreemieWorld.com

Preemie Genius!

preemie JOY!

The Details:

Name: Kozie Clothes

Users: NICUs, Parents

Rating: ★★★★★

By: Kozie Clothes

(<http://bit.ly/kozie>)



Credit: Prince's Sensory Delights, LLC

The Genius:

Kozie Clothes, put together by Susan Donohoe, a pediatric OT with a child with sensory integration difficulties and her partner, children's clothing designer Tina Borns Sayles (who has a child with juvenile diabetes) have created a clothing line with the special needs preemie to young adult in mind.

Special features include safe and easy access to tube sites, monitors, leads, ports and IVs. Easy and safe dressing features, and no tags.

The Deal: Until May 31, 2012, Kozie Clothes is offering a 15% discount with the code PREEMIE used at time of order.

Let's hear it for Eden & Pryscilla!!!

"For us, the big moment was when the girls were taken off of their apnea monitors and their caffeine prescription was discontinued.

Although, it was a difficult time for all of us, I am so very thankful for those monitors.

But the day our doctor finally took them off was a day filled with JOY. Two weights had been lifted in our preemie journey!"

- Amber Collier, Mom of twins Eden and Pryscilla, born at 32 weeks. Director of Preemie Prints

Have a proud moment? Send it into us at connect@preemieworld.com

Preemie Professional Online

Check out some of our informative networks:

NICU Professionals Group:
(www.Linkedin.com)

"ARTICLE: 'Booby' Traps in the NICU - <http://ow.ly/ajC1M>"

"JOIN US: National Premature Infant Health Coalition Summit - <http://ow.ly/abaGd>"

Early Intervention Professionals Group:
(www.Linkedin.com)

"ARTICLE: Online Tool Could Diagnose Autism Quickly, Developers Say - <http://ow.oy/ajyzi>"

"Am I Indulging My Child with Autism or Pushing Too Much?"

"ARTICLE: Study Suggests Treating Dyslexia Before Kids Learn to Read - <http://ow.ly/aawK5>"

Preemie World (www.Twitter.com):

"ARTICLE: Pregnancy Length May Influence Severity of Autism ow.ly/aawCv"

"ARTICLE: Autism and Diet - ow.ly/a24WZ"

Check out these groups and more by referring to the "Get 'Social' With Us" on page 4 for more information. Have news or research that might be useful to our communities? Email us at connect@preemieworld.com

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- Early Intervention Professionals
- Premie Parent Support Group Leaders
- Premie Parents
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Preemie THANK YOU!



Henry in the NICU at 1 month old

Photo Credit: Kate Kenski

Our son **Henry** recently turned 5 years old. Henry was born at **25 weeks** weighing **570 grams**. We are delighted to report that he will be **starting kindergarten in the fall**. His good health is the product of love and effort from family, friends, Early Intervention therapists, and many others.

We especially would like to thank **Joyce Nelson, Holly Nelson, and Kathy Goetz**, his primary nurses from **University Medical Center in Tucson, AZ**, who oversaw his first 109 days, coming into work on their off days when Henry had surgeries. Their care and compassion set the foundation for our son's well-being. --**Kate Kenski & Jeff Anicker**

Henry today, age 5

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