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Professional Tip!

Improve the experience of parents and baby in the NICU by supporting bonding through nurturing touch.

Organization:
Infant Massage USA

Title/Branch:
Exec. Dir, Int'l Trainer

Years Helping Premies:
12

Preemie Focus:
Providing training to staff to support parents to provide nurturing touch to their premature baby. Providing infant massage to parents in their community.

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

Preemie Advocate: 2011 Summit Reports

In 2011, premature infant summits were held across the United States, providing healthcare professionals the chance to connect in their region and share resources to help the tiniest of infants thrive. Just out are two documents that give an overview of these summits at <http://bit.ly/lhKiGJ> and <http://bit.ly/KsHdu6>. Check them out and pass them onto your networks.

To Do List



Congrats - *Melissa Fluharty!* Ms. Fluharty has won a copy of *The Preemie Parent's Survival Guide to the NICU* per our May contest.



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 Preemie Community*

Preemie Resource: Prepping for Discharge Day

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 *Prepping for Discharge Day*.** "Discharge time is full of frenzied activity and it is easy to walk out that door and not feel prepared. We give some tips that can make that time a lot smoother," comments Deb

Discenza, co-Founder of PreemieWorld, LLC. "This should be the item handed to parents as they begin the steps toward discharge time." Parents and professionals alike will appreciate this freebie in that it is easy to print and reproduce. **Download it here: <http://bit.ly/DischargeDay>**. **And check out more like this here: <http://bit.ly/PreemieFreebies>**

Preemie Support:

Caring for Generations



In 2010, the Center for Early Relationship Support at the Boston Jewish Family & Children's Service created the **Fragile Beginnings Preemie Parent Alliance**. This group, led by a group of preemie parents, saw a need for improving the availability and the quality of emotional support for families of premature infants in the New England region. Read more about their in-home programs, their resource guide and quarterly newsletter here:

<http://bit.ly/FragileBegin>

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

Preemie Org: Foundation for Premature Infants

The Foundation for Premature Infants is helping families everywhere by making sure that every preemie born is treated with the equal care and attention.

Mission:

The Foundation for Premature Infants was created to ensure that the premature infant Bill of Rights is the standard of care for all babies born prematurely, 24 hours per day, 365 days per year, on all shifts, in every Neonatal Intensive Care Unit in the world.

Web Site:

<http://bit.ly/prematureinfant>

Cool Item:

The foundation's website boasts a wealth of information but its key piece is the infant Bill of

Rights you can download at:

<http://bit.ly/preemiebillofrights>

Consider making this a part of your organization's mission and Welcome Packet for families.

Donations that Work for

Professionals: Donations to the foundation are used for educational scholarships for professionals. Consider donating in honor or in memory of a colleague in the field to continue his/her legacy of helping premature infants.



PreemieWorld: Personalized NICU Survivor Tags



Visit PreemieWorld's Store at www.PremieWorld.com

Why NICU Survivor Tags? "Just as we celebrate graduations, weddings and other important life events with jewelry, I felt it important to do the same with the incredible journey of the NICU," note PreemieWorld Co-Founder Nicole Conn. "Only a parent with a baby in the NICU can truly understand that life-altering experience. It changes your entire perspective on what is most important."

What is Unique About Them? "Each one is individually numbered which, along with the engraved details, makes it truly unique."

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Preemie Genius Book

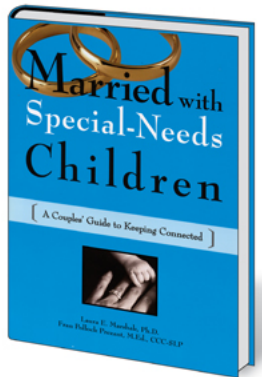
preemie JOY!

The Details:

Name: *Married with Special-Needs Children*

By: Laura E. Marshak, Ph.D.
Fran Prezant, M.Ed.,
CCC-SLP

Site: (<http://bit.ly/Koq1V9>)



The Genius:

Marshak and Prezant have created a volume of wisdom that spotlights the difficulties in a marriage where there are special needs children in the family.

The topic is dealt with in a sensitive yet straightforward manner and includes wise quotes throughout from parents themselves. Parents of preemies should have this book on their bookshelf for reference ongoing. A solid marriage can make a world of difference for parents and children alike.

You Could Win! In June, PreemieWorld will select one subscriber of *Preemie Family* to win this book! *Subscribe Today!*

Go Willow Go!

"Of the many milestones through the last year, one poignant moment was when Willow was measured using the regular growth chart instead of the preemie one.

At a little under 15 lbs now, she's just barely over 5%, but *she's on it!*"

- *Danielle Matthews, mother of Willow Ireland Matthews born 27 weeks 3 days, 1lb 12 oz.*

Editor's Note: A special Happy Birthday to Willow - she turned 1 on 5/31/2012!

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)

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

"ARTICLE: Affordable Care Act Supports Families of Children with Special Health Care Needs - <http://ow.ly/bdhTn>"

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

"ARTICLE: Musical Pacifiers to help Preemies Get Healthier Sooner - <http://ow.ly.b6IXU>"

"ARTICLE: Doubt Cast on Usefulness of "Sensory" Therapies for Autism - <http://ow.ly/bdhcY>"

"ARTICLE: Autism Often Not Diagnosed Until 5 or Older - US Report - <http://ow.ly/b8llK>"

Preemie World (www.Twitter.com):

"COOL: Database is One-Stop Shop on Kids' Medications - <http://ow.ly/b8pCq>"

"ARTICLE: Many Babies with Developmental Delays May Go Untreated - <http://ow.ly/b8joA>"

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
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Preemie THANK YOU!



Henry in the NICU at 1 month old

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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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