



A NOTE FROM JENNY

Stark racial disparities in maternal and infant health in the U.S. have persisted for decades despite continued advancements in medical care. According to **Sharp Health News**, "Black women in the U.S. are 50% more likely to have a premature baby than white women." The women interviewed reported that they believe preterm labor among Black women is due to the many physical, psychological, socioeconomic and social stressors they experience on a daily basis.

Black History Month provides us with the opportunity to celebrate the achievements that African Americans have accomplished in this country, despite the history of racism and oppression and it's also our time to reinforce efforts to support our Black mothers.

This month, we are asking you to show your support by learning more about the [Alliance for Black NICU Families](#) and its programs. By making a donation, you are supporting Black parents and Black-led organizations in our space.

We are all in this together. Let's make a difference.

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WHAT'S NEW

INTERNATIONAL NEONATAL CONSORTIUM

Deb Discenza, CEO of PremieWorld, LLC along with other parent members were front and center at the International Neonatal Consortium in 2022.

Parents were noted at INC as instrumental stakeholders helping to push the real world data project and other information with a parent award. Congratulations, Parents!

PREMIEWORLD STORIES



JONATHAN PLA



"My son was a gift from God he was my little miracle, and he made me believe in myself."

- Diane Rodrigues

"Becoming pregnant at eighteen was not part of the plan, my boyfriend and I had just broken up, The dream was to move to NY, and attend a Community College, I wanted to go into hospitality or become a photographer. Life got rerouted, I found out I was pregnant when I was two months," shares premie mom, **Diane Rodriguez**.

"I went into early labor. I was 31 wks. I arrived to the hospital and I was already 7cm dilated!"

My son was ready to see the world. My son was taken to the NICU, was intubated, had a nasogastric tube in his nose, he had monitors for his heart. I went to visit him at the NICU, I did not know what to expect, I was so anxious."

Read full story: [Premie Stories Feb 2023](#)



KNIT FOR NICU

OUTREACH: STATE



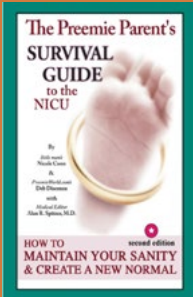
The founders of Knit for NICU, four UConn students, shared a common interest in knitting and crocheting, and wanted to find a way to give back to the community by using their talents.

Knit for NICU supports babies in the NICU and their families. We donate knitted and crocheted items to local NICUs to provide a sense of compassion and comfort to families with babies in the NICU.

Follow on Instagram: [@knitfornicu](#)



PREEMIE STORE



The *Premie Parent's Survival Guide*, now in its second edition, is considered one of the best parenting books for premie families providing real experience of being in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit or NICU and resources to help you get through it.

Now available in our PremieWorld Store!



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EVENTS FOR NEONATAL PROFESSIONALS & SPECIALISTS

EOC for High Risk Newborns

- March 8 - 11, 2023
- Location: Clearwater Beach, Florida
- Website: <https://paclac.org/https-paclac-org-gravens-conference/>

Spring National Advanced Practice Neonatal Conference

- April 14 & 15, 2023
- Location: Tucson, Arizona
- Website: <https://www.academyonline.org/page/conferences>

NON-PROFIT NEWS

ALLIANCE FOR BLACK NICU FAMILIES

Breast Pump Program | [Partnership Page](#)

MY KOTA BEAR

Virtual Open House | [Kota Bear Reservation](#)

CARTER'S CAUSE

Birthday Fundraiser | [Donation Page](#)

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PREEMIE GENIUS



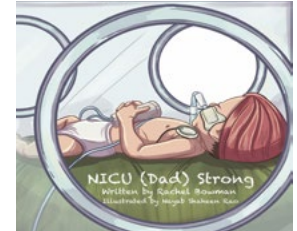
NICU (DAD) STRONG

Author: Rachel E. Bowman

[NICU \(Dad\) Strong](#) raises awareness of the NICU father's unique journey,

NICU (Dad) Strong reminds fathers that they play an important role in their child's development and their presence matters.

Mental health is also stressed for both mom and dad who may be struggling.



PREMIERWORLD DIRECTORY

BLACK MOTHER'S BREASTFEEDING ASSOCIATION

Whether you are looking for a support group or general premie-related resources, chances are that our global Premie Directory has it!

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Visit *Black Mother's Breastfeeding Association*.

Black Mother's Breastfeeding Association's goal is to have a national impact on the reduction of racial disparities in breastfeeding success for black families.



[PremieWorld Directory](#)



PREEMIE FREEBIES

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

In honor of Black History Month, PremieWorld is providing information on Black-led organizations making a difference by providing support and free resources to the Black NICU community: *Ahora disponible en Español!* [Premie Freebie Info](#)

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