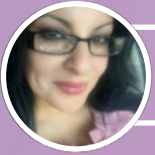




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## A NOTE FROM JENNY

"Prematurity doesn't always end in the NICU." I remember hearing those words as I watched my incredibly fragile micro-preemie through a clear plastic incubator. This isn't the case for all preemies, but for my Joshua, these words proved to be true.

As April is National Autism Awareness Month, this is a great opportunity to promote autism awareness and draw attention to the many preemie families facing an autism diagnosis and to share resources to help navigate this new journey.

- **Autism Speaks** is dedicated to promoting solutions for the needs of people with autism and their families. <https://www.autismspeaks.org/>
- **Preemie Crystal Ball** is working to create a preemie registry to provide better patient outcomes from the NICU to adult years. Join the movement! <https://crystalballhealth.com/>

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## INDUSTRY NEWS

**Kangaroo Care / Skin-to-Skin Contact during COVID-19:** Kangaroo Care Awareness Day is coming up on May 15, 2020 and **Kangaroo Care Day** (<https://kangaroo.care>) has created guidelines in collaboration with leaders at WHO and in Maternal Child. Here are some helpful links during Covid-19:

- **World Health Organization: Parenting in the time of COVID-19:** <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/healthy-parenting>
- **CDC- (Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) and Breastfeeding:** <https://www.cdc.gov/breastfeeding/breastfeeding-special-circumstances/maternal-or-infant-illnesses/covid-19-and-breastfeeding.html>

More helpful links during Covid-19: <https://kangaroo.care/blogs/covid-19/helpful-links-during-covid-19>



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## KEIRA SORRELLS

**FOUNDER & EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NICU PARENT NETWORK**



Keira Sorrells is the Founder & Executive Director of [NICU Parent Network](https://www.nicu-parent-network.org) (formerly Preemie Parent Alliance).

"I actually did not choose this profession, it chose me! After the birth and 9-month NICU stay of my 25 weeker triplets and the loss of one of my daughters at 14 months old, I felt a deep need to support other parents who found themselves in a similar circumstance."

“NICU Parent Leaders are the key informants and the key stakeholders. This must never be undervalued or underrepresented.”



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## NICU PARENT NETWORK

**INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH**



[NICU Parent Network](https://www.nicu-parent-network.org) (NPN) is focused on representing the needs and best interests of NICU families. NPN is the only US-based organization that is a collaborative of organizations that are either run by or were founded by a parent who had a NICU experience or has lost a child.

Keira Sorrells, Founder & Executive Director of NPN has been leading the movement to elevate the NICU Parent Leader as a professional in maternal-infant health.



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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

What is the hardest part and most rewarding part of your job?

@breastfeeding\_tactics: The hardest part of my job is when the baby doesn't make it despite doing all we can for that child. Most rewarding part is seeing them in their carseats going home to their loved ones.

Laurie Thompson: Leaving is the hardest and staying is the most rewarding.



## PREMIERWORLD TAGS

MILANI JOLIE ALVARADO



“Milani came into this world as a Warrior,” says Grandma.

Milani is 9-months old and brings pure happiness to everyone. She sits up, loves to eat and play with her toys. As an added blessing, she was born on Grandma's birthday!

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



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## WHAT'S NEW?

### BE FEATURED IN OUR MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

Congratulations to **Toni Sophie Hill**, our Premie Genius winner of the book, *My Premie Sister is One* by Alhan Rahimi.



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Do you have a product, tool, or item of interest to parents of preemies and professionals? We want to highlight your product!

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## PREEMIE GENIUS



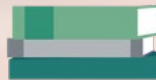
### NIC-JUMPSUIT

For that first NICU outfit, look no further than the NIC-JUMPSUIT by Perfectly Premie

[www.PerfectlyPremie.com](http://www.PerfectlyPremie.com)



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## PREEMIE STORY OF THE MONTH

### KINGSTON JACKSON GARZA



“Your baby is not receiving enough oxygen. We'll be lucky if you make it to 32 weeks.”

Words no pregnant woman wants to hear. I had so many questions but couldn't get the words out. This was my third pregnancy. I never had issues with the other two, so why was this happening now?

Overcoming obstacles. Kingston Strong!

- Kingston's Mommy

I was only 20 weeks when I heard these words...



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## PREEMIE FREEBIES

### INSPIRE - COMMUNITY SUPPORT FLYER

Need community support? Learn more about a FREE virtual global community for parents of preemies, 50,000 family strong. Led by Deb Discenza, Premie/NICU Mom, Head of [PremieWorld.com](https://premieworld.com)



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