



2017 Premie Parent Alliance  
**PREEMIE PARENT SUMMIT**   
**SAVE THE DATE**

• • • **SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2017**  
Learn more at [www.premieparentalliance.org](http://www.premieparentalliance.org) **FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

Registration for the 2017 Premie Parent Summit will be opening soon. Head over to the [summit website](#) and sign up for notifications so you don't miss anything!

### So Much to Celebrate!

There are many opportunities to celebrate the work of our members and NICU families around the world! Read on for some exciting events right around the corner.

Coming soon...Quarterly PPA Supporter Newsletter sharing the work of our corporate supporters

# PARENTS OF PREEMIES DAY

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GET INVOLVED

## MAY 7TH IS PARENTS OF PREEMIES DAY!!!

The lead up to Parents of Preemies Day 2017 has begun! This year, Parents of Preemies Day is on May 7 and we'll be sharing preemie facts all months with the hashtag #PPDpreemiefacts to celebrate. We'll also be giving one lucky family a mamaRoo from 4moms on the big day. We'd love for other orgs to join us in sharing #PPDpreemiefacts with your audiences and to invite them to share their own prematurity stories in honor of Parents of Preemies Day!

[Learn more](#)

## MAY 15TH : 6TH INT'L KANGAROO CARE AWARENESS DAY

**Take the pledge** - Celebrate how Kangaroo Care impacts the world of professionals, newborns, and families.

Kangaroo Care Day brings together the international community to:

- Celebrate the accomplishments of researchers, staff, and families that advance the practice
- Engage professionals and parents in learning activities and practicing kangaroo care
- Share the amazing stories of people touched by kangaroo care every day.

Be part of the movement that celebrates this amazing practice and helps grow our next generation of babies. Take the pledge – Celebrate, Engage, and Share Kangaroo Care!



## TAKE THE PLEDGE



## DID YOU KNOW?

PPA Member JF&CS Fragile Beginnings has a Phone Support Group giving parents of NICU babies a chance to connect with other parents who have shared similar experiences.

[JF & CS Phone Support Information](#)



# Caring for Generations

# JF&CS

Jewish Family & Children's Service

**We still need input from Dads** for the NICU Staff Education Project PPA is working on with NPA & PFC based on the NPA's [Recommendations for Psychosocial Support of NICU Families](#). We are asking for your help to capture feedback from dads about their experience.

Please share this link to the survey with your communities:

<http://bit.ly/2nj9CPs>

## PPA Members with Peer Mentor Programs

[Dr. Gill Thomson](#) a Senior Research Fellow with the Maternal and Infant Nutrition and Nurture Unit (MAINN) at the University of Central Lancashire, is undertaking an international study on peer support provision in a neonatal context. This study is focused on how peers are identified, recruited, trained and supported in their roles.

We invite our PPA members with Peer Mentor Programs to participate in this valuable research project. Please distribute the appropriate survey link to your directors and peer mentors. An information letter is found here: [Informational Letter](#)



[Survey for managers/coordinators/trainers of peer support](#)

[Survey for peer supporters](#)

## Share Your Information!

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**Next Deadline for June Newsletter Submissions is  
May 15, 2017!**

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