



2017 Premie Parent Alliance **PREMIE PARENT**   
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• • • **SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2017**  
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## You Won't Want to Miss This!

2017 Premie Parent Summit:

"Paving a Healthy Path to Leadership"

Get a sneak peek at some of our speakers  
at [www.ppasummit.com](http://www.ppasummit.com)

This engaging, two-day conference is the **ONLY ONE** of it's kind dedicated to meeting the needs of our network of NICU Parent Leaders. You will not be disappointed!

Coming from California to Connecticut, our speakers will inspire you and give **YOU** the

tools you need to be the best possible leader  
and advocate!

Register NOW to take advantage of the **very  
low** Early Bird rate! Discounts available for  
groups of 3+ from a single organization.

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### You asked...we listened

In response to our 2016 Member Connectivity Survey, the PPA Leadership Team and Standards Committee have completed a set of Policies & Protocols to increase engagement of our members and to provide transparency to the inner-workings of our network. These policies will be sent out to the appointed leader of your organization. We will require your notification of receipt & acceptance so please take the time to review the document your peers worked so diligently on.

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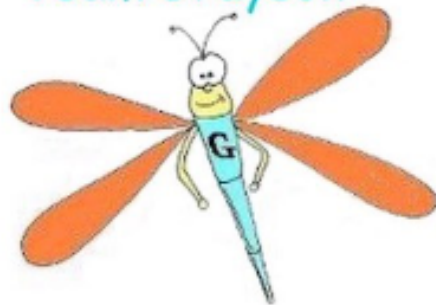
Join us in welcoming our  
newest PPA Members,  
including our first ever  
**INTERNATIONAL** member!

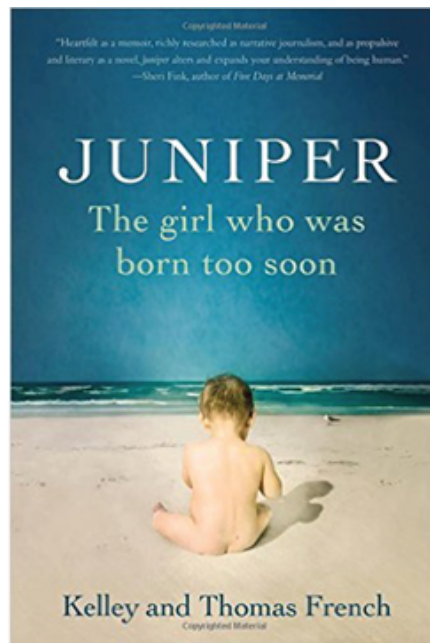


## [Instituto Pequenos Grandes Guerreiros](#)

Provides psychological assistance to families of babies affected by NEC, collects data on the disease in Brazil and fosters research.

Team Grayson





## Team Grayson

Dedicated to ending Necrotizing Enterocolitis (NEC) through increasing awareness, funding research and increasing education

## Juniper

Through our story we will spread awareness of extreme prematurity, share hope with parents of micro-preemies, and help clinicians understand the parent perspective

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## Veteran NICU Parents Needed for Research Study

Longtime PPA member, Mike Hynan, Ph.D. from the National Perinatal Association is

seeking volunteers from our incredible group of Parent Leaders to participate in a research study to validate a Psychosocial Assessment tool used in the NICU. This is an important & easy way to be involved in NICU research. Please contact Mike directly for more information.

[Contact Mike Hynan](#)

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### Calling All Advocates!

The NPA's Family Advocacy Network is looking for parent leaders and advocates who are ready to take the next steps in their professional development.

The NPA provides educational, mentorship, and advocacy opportunities. All with an emphasis on interdisciplinary collaboration. We need to develop new, progressive voices. Get Involved!

[Contact Erika Goyer](#)

### Jen Degl at INC

PPA member, Jen Degl, author of From Hope to Joy & Board Member of The Morgan Leary

Vaughan Fund represented ALL NICU parents at the most recent Annual FDA-INC Neonatal Scientific Workshop. She is a fierce advocate for NICU families and wrote an article about the importance of INC's work.



[View the Care Packages](#)

## Congratulations TTMF

On May 31, 2017, PPA member, The Tiny Miracles Foundation was honored in Hartford by the Connecticut State Senate. State Senator and Majority Leader Bob Duff presented the nonprofit with a special citation for excellence in serving vulnerable members of our community. The award recognized the dedication and “outstanding work in hospitals

to provide support for families of premature infants.



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[Read the Article](#)

[NICU Care Packages](#)

Graham's Foundation launched its newly redesigned care packages for NICU families and families making the transition home. The new look & new contents were specially chosen to ensure that parents feel supported, empowered & hopeful throughout their NICU journey & beyond



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## NEC Symposium Summary

The 2017 NEC Symposium took place April 5-7 at UC Davis. The Symposium was the first meeting in North America to focus specifically



on improved outcomes of necrotizing enterocolitis. The NEC Society has prepared a Conference Summary, detailing the meeting.

### **Free e-Book from PremieWorld**

PremieWorld, LLC via its Inspire Premie Community created an ebook called "Untangling the Mixed Messages of the NICU" based upon Deb Discenza's research and resulting speech at the Council of International Neonatal Nurses (COINN) meeting in August 2016.

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