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NEWSLETTER

“A compassionate way of life rooted in oneness and connectivity not only impacts your greater good, but it resonates out into the world, positively impacting the greater good for all.”

- Amy Miller

Keira's Thoughts

I won't spend too much time this month doling out nuggets of wisdom that I know you all eagerly await with each PPA newsletter...we have too much business to attend to! I kid of course. In all seriousness, we do have a number of opportunities for our members to connect, collaborate, and participate! Please scroll through to make sure you don't miss anything!

2017 Summit Abstracts Due March 1, 2017

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2017 Preemie Parent Alliance **PREEMIE PARENT SUMMIT** 

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• • • **SEPTEMBER 29 - OCTOBER 1, 2017**
Learn more at www.preemieparentalliance.org **FORT WORTH, TEXAS**

PPA MEMBERSHIP WEBINAR

Register for "**Getting the Most Out of Your PPA Membership**" Tuesday, February 28th 12:30pm CST, an exclusive webinar just for PPA Member Organizations. You'll learn all the benefits and resources available to you through your membership, as well as how you and your staff/volunteers/board members can participate.

[Register](#)

The session will be recorded and archived in MemberCONNECT.

SHARING YOUR NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will no longer accept emails or Facebook messages to share your organization's news and events. Click the button below and bookmark the link to submit anytime you have exciting information to share. Information for newsletters must be received by the **15th of each month**, the newsletter goes out at the end of the month.

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PPA MEMBER EXCLUSIVE COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES

PPA is collaborating with the National Perinatal Association and Patient + Family Care to develop online course material (geared towards NICU staff) based on the content of NPA's "Interdisciplinary Recommendations for Psychosocial Support of NICU Parents."

TWO WAYS YOU CAN BE INVOLVED:

- 1. Join a workgroup:** help shape and review the educational course materials, participate in leading online classes, and more! Email keira@preemieparentalliance.org if interested in joining the work group FOR communication skills with NICU parents or the need for psychosocial support in the NICU.
- 2. Take and share the parent narrative survey:** to ensure the parent voice is prevalent throughout this staff education course we are collecting NICU parent narratives through this survey.

Take the Survey

EXCITING MEMBER NEWS



The Morgan Leary Vaughan Fund sponsored their 2nd education lecture at UConn Health in Farmington, Connecticut entitled "Influence of Gut Bacteria and Human Milk on Neonatal NEC", as part of their Pediatric Translational Research Seminar Series. PPA Member and Board Member of the The Morgan Leary Vaughan Fund, Jennifer Degl (Author of From Hope to Joy) wrote a wonderful article about the event. [Read more](#)



WILL'S WAY FOUNDATION

Will's Way Foundation launches a new blog: [Where There's a Will There's a Way](#):

Insights on life during and after NICU from parents, healthcare professionals and former preemies.



Hand to Hold's NICU Now Audio Support Series recently launched! Get it on iTunes.

UPCOMING MEMBER & COLLABORATOR EVENTS

NECROTIZING ENTEROCOLITIS SYMPOSIUM

A Transdisciplinary Approach to Improved NEC Outcomes

April 6 & 7, 2017 on the campus of UC Davis. Learn More at: www.necsociety.org

Register NEC Symposium

NPA's 38th Annual Interdisciplinary Conference

Perinatal Mental Health

Advocating for the Health and Wellbeing of Families

Register NPA 2017

International Neonatal Consortium



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Applying Regulatory Science to Neonates: Third Annual Scientific Workshop

Dates: March 27 – 29, 2017

Location: Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference
Center
5701 Marinelli Road, North Bethesda, Maryland 20852 USA

[Register INC Workshop](#)

SPEAKERS BUREAU OPENING

deadline 01.MAR.16

The PPA Speakers Bureau is an exclusive benefit of PPA membership - the only Speakers Bureau made up of preemie parent leaders. PPA has been invited to speak at national provider association conferences around the country. Click below to view requirements and apply.

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