



# Community of Care Consortium for Children with Special Healthcare Needs Friday, July 15, 2016



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Please join us for the next meeting of the Community of Care Consortium on July 15 from 10 am – 1 pm with networking lunch immediately following the meeting.

***Location: Central Location to be Determined***

## AGENDA ITEMS

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1. Welcome & Introductions
  - a. *New Director of Health & Family Support Projs.*
  - b. *New Parent to Parent Coordinator*
2. Report on D70 State Implementation Grant
3. Updates
  - a. National Center for Family-Prof. Partnerships
  - b. MCH Block Grant application 2017
  - c. Screening Resources & Activities
  - d. Primary Care-Child Psychiatrist Consultation
  - e. Improving Birth/Pregnancy Outcomes/  
Preventing Birth Defects, DD, & FASD
  - f. Autism Medical Home Projects
  - g. Work with China
  - h. NJSNCC Conference: Dr. Lu, Keynote speaker
4. Workgroups
  - a. Early & Continuous Screening
  - b. Medical Home/Community Based Services
  - c. Adequate Healthcare Financing
  - d. Effective Transition to Adult Life
5. Community/State Partner Highlight(s)

# DATE



Please RSVP to [abajomo@spannj.org](mailto:abajomo@spannj.org) by 6/11  
We hope to see you there!

# Essex County Birth & Breastfeeding Coalition

*First Meeting:*  
**Friday, June 17, 2016**  
**11:00 am**

**SPAN Office – 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**35 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ**

2016-2017  
UPCOMING MEETINGS

*September 24<sup>th</sup>*  
*November 18<sup>th</sup>*  
*January 27<sup>th</sup>*  
*March 24<sup>th</sup>*  
*May 19<sup>th</sup>*

MEETINGS OPEN TO ALL

*We strongly  
support individual  
women /families to  
attend coalition  
meetings*



The Essex County Improving Pregnancy Outcomes Project is a program of the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network (SPAN) and is funded by a health service grant from The New Jersey Department of Health. SPAN can be reached at 800-654-7726. Check out our website at [www.spanadvocacy.org](http://www.spanadvocacy.org)



Data demonstrates the link between a woman's birth experience impacting rates of breastfeeding, mother-infant interactions, fatherhood engagement and maternal depression. By bringing together conversations aimed to collaborate about services and programs, we see an innovative round table that incorporates faith based, childcare, health care and social services.

EBBC will meet to focus on giving birth and being born in Essex County so our resources are shared and the perinatal period is improved for all families.

**For more information please contact:**  
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## **Essex Project LAUNCH / EPPC – Updates (June 2016)**

The purpose of Essex Project LAUNCH is to improve wellness of children 0-8 and their families in East Orange, Irvington, Newark, and Orange with an emphasis on social-emotional health. Project LAUNCH encourages strategies to address the disparities in access, service use, and outcomes among underserved minority populations.

### Goal: Screening, assessment and linkages to services in a range of settings

- Identified 2 new practices as EPPC/LAUNCH partners: Sanford Heights Pediatrics in Irvington (able to serve English-, Spanish-, and Creole-speaking families) and Quality Care Pediatrics in Newark; Viki Monasse following up on all referrals received from any pediatric practice.
- Christeen Badie participated in Help Me Grow national meeting in South Carolina.
- Karen Benjamin presented with DCF and JHU representatives on central intake perinatal screening efforts at Project LAUNCH meeting in Rockville, MD; NJ/Essex LAUNCH also had a display board highlighting project efforts over the last 2+ years.
- Participated in the ECCS/HMG call discussing start of integration of 2-1-1 with county central intake systems.
- Shared Essex version of “*The Next Steps When Developmental Concerns are Identified*” developed by Boggs Center and SPAN with DCPW workers as a resource for them and to share with families as needed.

### Goal: Mental health consultation in early care and education

- Finishing up contract with Youth Consultation Services (YCS) to provide a mental health clinician to the Urban League Child Development Center (4 classrooms); clinician worked with staff to provide education, training, and materials, discuss direct strategies teachers can use to support social-emotional development in the classroom, and complete referrals as needed.

### Goal: Family strengthening and parent skills training

- EPPC/LAUNCH (and other PCANJ) staff actively participating in steering committee and subcommittee meetings for the Essex County Council for Young Children; Karen Benjamin, Monique Dujue (CCYC Co-Coordinator) and Della Walker (CCYC Parent Co-Chair) are preparing to participate in panel at LAUNCH grantee meeting in Rockville, MD on 6/24.
- Held quarterly joint advisory meeting in collaboration with Improving Pregnancy Outcomes
- Community Health Workers at SPAN, which included representatives from WIC and welfare.



- Planning Parenting Palooza event scheduled for 6/10/16; convened planning committee and solicited parent input via surveys.
- Continued participation in weekly case conferencing with DCPD to suggest community linkages for families.
- Continued to engage parents and consumers via social media and texting service.
- Collaborating with South Ward Children’s Alliance to bring a Music Together series to Newark starting in June.

Goal: Enhanced home visiting through increased focus on social and emotional well-being

- Working closely with DCF Early Childhood Liaison to better link DCPD-referred families to services; Liaison has worked directly with HV programs to offer additional support/follow up and facilitate a “warm hand-off” from DCPD worker to HVs.

Goal: Integration of behavioral health into primary care

- Exploring conducting a webinar about Children’s System of Care with local providers; contacted CMO and will plan during the summer; intended audience will be central intake and LAUNCH partners in Essex and other interested parties.

Other activities

- Continued bi-weekly meetings with IPO CHW supervisor to plan/coordinate activities and address challenges.
- Participated in SAMHSA-facilitated calls/webinars, including one on “Speed-LAUNCHing” to highlight our NJ efforts with other LAUNCH grantees.
- Having our infographic translated into Spanish and Creole.

## **ICHC Partner Updates Snapshots – June 15<sup>th</sup>**

(Detailed information and fliers attached in email)

**Kids Count Forums:** Join Us. Help Develop a Children's Platform for 2017. Attend one of the two regional forums to find out how children are faring in your county. Then help ACNJ develop a Children's Platform for the 2017 gubernatorial and legislative elections. North Jersey Forums: Tuesday, June 14, 2016 from 8:30-11:00 am and South Jersey Forum: Thursday, June 16, 2016 from 8:30-11:00 am. Register at [www.acnj.org](http://www.acnj.org)

**Kohl's Autism Awareness – Healthier Me App:** It is a free app to promote health, nutrition, fitness and safety for children and teens with autism. Be sure to pick up brochures at the Resource Table.

**Project LAUNCH/Essex Central Intake/ Essex Pregnancy & Parenting Connection (EPPC):** Project LAUNCH encourages strategies to address the disparities in access, service use and outcomes among underserved minority populations. See attachment for update on Project LAUNCH goals and progress.

**Statewide Parent Advocacy Network:** Refer to attached partner updates and fliers for detailed information about:

- Community of Care Consortium for Children with Special Health Care Needs: Friday, July 15, from 10:00am–1:00pm with networking lunch immediately following the meeting. Please RSVP to [abajomo@spannj.org](mailto:abajomo@spannj.org) by 6/11.
- Essex County Birth and Breastfeeding Coalition: Friday, June 17, 2016 at 11:00am at the SPAN Office. (English and Spanish Fliers)
- NJ Statewide Network for Cultural Competence: 2016 Annual Conference on Thursday, December 8, 2016. Keynote Speaker: Dr. Michael C. Lu, Associate Administrator for Maternal Child Health.

**See detailed attached updates concerning:**

**Improving Birth Outcomes:** Improving Pregnancy Outcomes – Postpartum Visits, Peer to Peer Leadership Development, FASD Prevention Project and Partners for Prevention of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities

**Early Childhood:** American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures – Preventative Services Improvement State Spread Project Learning Collaborative and Breastfeeding Coalition.

**Screening:** Cultural Implications of Screening for Families from Diverse Backgrounds Webinar, Learning the Sign Act Early Ambassador and Quick Peek Screenings.

**Children with Special Healthcare Needs:** Autism Medical Home Pilots

**Parent Leadership Development & Parent-Professional Collaboration:** National Center for Family-Professional Partnerships, Spread!: Follow up to Puerto Rico Site Visit and SPAN Visits China.

**Other:** Autism/Outreach Event, Community of Care Consortium for Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs, Cultural and Linguistic Competence and Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Hearing.

For other events or trainings please visit: <http://www.spanadvocacy.org/content/workshopsevents>

**ICHC Workgroup Updates:**

**Central Phone Line Workgroup:** The official launch of Phase 1 for the Central Phone Line was on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and it has been successful. The Central Phone Line is working well and we are in the midst of evaluating processes. Phase 2 launch date is tentatively set for July.

**Information Sharing Workgroup:** A survey has been created that will be forwarded to ICHC partners. The workgroup is planning on creating topic sheets for the specific topics and programs in the survey based on the highest priority topic and program. Please be sure to complete the survey monkey when it is forwarded so we can get everyone's feedback. We will be creating topic sheets that will have talking points for the ICHC partners based on the topics and programs chosen.

**Linking Protocol Workgroup:** The workgroup is still in the process of finalizing the draft of the IDEA guidance: Guidance on Providing IDEA Services within Routines in Early Learning Settings. The final draft will be brought to the ICHC and NJCYC for review and feedback. It will then be submitted to IPG for final approval when completed.

**Physician / Health Providers Workgroup:** The feasibility study was completed. We are in the process of reviewing it for final edits and it will be shared with the ICHC at a later time. The feasibility report will be used to inform data processes that we may explore in the next version of the ECCS Impact grant, if we are awarded it. The ECCS Impact Grant recipients will be announced July 1, 2016.

# SAVE THE DATE!



**NJ Statewide Network for Cultural Competence  
2016 Annual Conference**

**Achieving Equity in  
Maternal, Child, & Family Health:  
A Call to Action**

Brookdale Community College  
765 Newman Springs Road  
Lincroft, NJ 07738

**2016** Thurs  
Dec 8



**KEYNOTE SPEAKER:**

**Michael C. Lu, M.D., M.S., M.P.H.**

Associate Administrator  
Maternal and Child Health  
Health Resources & Services Administration  
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services



Conference Partners:



Visit [www.njsncc2016.eventbrite.com](http://www.njsncc2016.eventbrite.com) to register!

**Participants will learn about:**

- ▶ national, state & local initiatives designed to help eliminate disparities and foster equity in maternal, child, and family health
- ▶ importance of “upstream approaches” in addressing the biopsychosocial and environmental determinants of maternal, child, and family health
- ▶ best and promising practices for improving maternal, child, and family health outcomes in diverse populations

Maternal | Infant | Child | Adolescent | CYSHCN | Family

**H E A L T H**

## SPAN Update for Infant Child-Health Committee June 2016

### IMPROVING BIRTH OUTCOMES

**Improving Pregnancy Outcomes: *Postpartum Visits:*** SPAN's IPO Community Health Worker Project is a supporter of the DOH COIIN Initiative focused on reaching families to increase the rate and quality of postpartum visits. We completed the preliminary interviews of women about the effectiveness of messaging of the importance of the postpartum visit at the East Orange WIC office. We are currently waiting to hear feedback from the DOH on whether they received IRB approval to continue with this initiative. ***Peer to Peer Leadership Development:*** Five new women from diverse backgrounds are participating in the new Peer to Peer Leadership training series. An additional week was added to provide a mock support group for the participants to practice facilitating a support group. Supplemental education on infant mortality, breastfeeding, folic acid, and Zika was provided to align the IPO program with the training. In May IPO will start an education series on the evidence-based Lamaze Six Care Practices, Breastfeeding 101, and an additional topic that will change monthly. This education series is in partnership with The Clubhouse, a Newark based community health center.

**FASD Prevention Project:** The OPDD FASD project has been refunded for the 2016-2017 year. ***Focus group:*** The Project Coordinator conducted a focus group on April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at the Southern Perinatal Cooperative in Atlantic City with 10 pregnant women of a wide range of ethnicities: Caucasian, Hispanic and African American ranging in ages between 20 and 40 years old. The women were asked a series of questions about their knowledge of the impact of drinking alcohol prior to and during pregnancy. Many women knew the risk but still engaged in drinking prior to knowing they were pregnant. The women were very open about their drinking behavior and attended the program to help them stop drinking in order to have a healthy baby. They understood the possibility of learning or developmental disabilities and will seek appropriate services if needed. ***Peer Support Groups:*** The Family Resource Specialists have been attending peer support groups with their peer mentor in conducting health education sessions about the effects of alcohol prior to and during child bearing years. They have been asked by the women at the groups regarding updates on lead information and about the Zika virus. The peer mentor groups have been conducted in the following counties: Atlantic, Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Essex, Hunterdon, Morris, Sussex, and Warren impacting 125 women. The FRS's have also attended health fairs in Sussex, Essex, Mercer, Hudson, and Burlington counties providing information on effects of alcohol, lead and Zika virus updates. There were 82 women and professionals impacted by this information. ***Online professional development course:*** The online professional development training has been finalized and has been tested at two parent serving organizations and one federally qualified health center. The individuals that took the online training overall found the information to be helpful in improving the quality of work with women they serve. The online training has been sent out electronically to over 100 community and healthcare providers.

**Partners for Prevention of Birth Defects and Developmental Disabilities: *Women's Forum:***

The Women's Forum took place on Monday May 9th, 2016 at the DCF Office of Training & Professional Development from 9am to 3pm. We had a series of planning calls and came up with the following topics for the forum based on current events: Zika virus, lead screening, LGBTQ, healthy relationships, stress management, nutrition for pre and postnatal care, overall women's health, pregnancy mental health, improving pregnancy outcomes and alcohol/tobacco effects on women of child bearing age. Vendors included AAP, Central Jersey Family Health Consortium, Child Care Resources of Monmouth, RWJ Health and Fitness, Spina Bifida Network, The ARC of New Jersey, Wellcare, Rutgers SNAP, and Moms Quit Connect. The women's forum was well received by all who attended. ***Partners for Prevention:*** SPAN hosted a Partners for Prevention (P4P) stakeholders meeting on June 3rd at the East Brunswick Library from 10 am to 2pm with 30 individuals in attendance. The agenda included OPDD and Women's forum summary, an update on IPO and Zika virus by Maggie Gray of NJ DOH, and a presentation by Michelle Moscato from Rutgers SNAP on Nutrition and Breast feeding. The three workgroups, Women of Childbearing Age, Providers, and Public Awareness, met and discussed how the P4P stakeholders group can support and integrate state level activities into their individual programs.

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD**

**American Academy of Pediatrics Bright Futures - Preventive Services Improvement State Spread Project (PreSIPS2) Learning Collaborative: *Bright Futures:*** Jeannette Mejias facilitated a recent webinar for medical practice teams on The Role and Value of having a Parent Partner on the Medical Home Team.

**Breastfeeding Coalition:** While continuing to be active in the state breastfeeding coalition, SPAN is collaborating with the Montclair State University Center on Autism and Early Childhood Mental Health on the Essex County Birth and Breastfeeding Coalition. The first meeting will be held on Friday, June 17 at 11 am at the SPAN office in Newark. See attached flyer.

## **SCREENING**

**Cultural Implications of Screening for Families from Diverse Backgrounds Webinar:** In collaboration with the NJ Statewide Network for Cultural Competence and the NJ Department of Health, SPAN's Diana Autin, Deepa Srinivasavaradan, and Jeannette Mejias presented on this topic on a webinar on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to over 125 participants. The webinar provided an overview of the racial and cultural implications of screening to identify disabilities, developmental delays, and special healthcare needs, including data showing later identification and misidentification of minority children, as well as evidence indicating that children from diverse backgrounds are less likely to be screened and are more likely to be "lost" to screening. Effective approaches to support families of color and immigrant/limited English proficient families in screening, evaluation, and connection to services were shared as well as resources including a facilitator's guide to a comprehensive training on Considering Culture in Autism Screening available on the SPAN website at [www.spanadvocacy.org/content/considering-culture-autism-screening](http://www.spanadvocacy.org/content/considering-culture-autism-screening).

Everyone found the webinar extremely useful and informative, noting that the webinar increased their knowledge from under 3 to over 4 on a 5 point scale. They highlighted the resources as particularly helpful. Survey respondents also indicated that they would change their normal practice to bring in the perspective of parents and their cultures.

**Learn the Signs Act Early Ambassador:** Deepa Srinivasavaradan's application to continue to serve as CDC's LTSAE Ambassador to NJ for the next two years was approved. She attended the Ambassador training in Atlanta from June 8-9. The customized/"New Jersey-ized" version of CDC's Milestones Brochures (collaboration between SPAN and NJ DCF) are being disseminated widely. The Help Me Grow Central Phone Line number 2-1-1 that was launched last month is being added to these brochures and additional quantities in both English and Spanish are being printed. We have also finalized a Child Developmental Passport - a comprehensive tool for parents to track their child's growth and development in one document. It is called "Help Me Grow Child Developmental Passport" and will be distributed along with CDC's Milestones Booklets. It includes definitions of developmental monitoring and developmental screening, a well-child visit tracker (to track height, weight, immunizations etc.) and a developmental tracker (to track screenings and results of those screenings). They are currently being printed and will be available shortly. Deepa Srinivasavaradan, Mercedes Rosa, & Jeannette Mejias from SPAN joined the Help Me Grow NJ team at the Help Me Grow National Forum that was held in South Carolina from May 23-25. Deepa Srinivasavaradan and Ericka Dickerson co-presented a breakout session on LTSAE/Help Me Grow collaboration and Mercedes Rosa and Jeannette Mejias co-presented a breakout session on Family Leadership and Engagement. Both workshops were well received and the team has returned with great information to continue their collaborative work around early screening in our state!

**Quick Peek Screenings:** In partnership with Children's Specialized Hospital we will complete 17 scheduled screenings from now - September 2016 throughout the state.

## **CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS**

**Autism Medical Home Pilots:** *Autism Medical Home HUMC:* On April 2016 SPAN FRS Kasey Dudley and Social Worker Nori Huber started the 1st Parents' Support Group for the Autism Medical Home Program at HUMC. Since that first meeting, the group has grown to 10 parents, and we are scheduled to have 18 for upcoming meeting in June. Parents of both newly diagnosed children with autism and those who were diagnosed years ago can benefit from attend the parents' support group. Each parent helps one another with sharing ideas for therapies, coping mechanisms and medical benefits. During each meeting Kasey also provides support with developing advocacy skills. Information on appropriate educational programs and in-home ABA providers is also shared. Parents receive assistance on how to navigate the Perform care System of NJ. We assist with IEP and 504 planning from the parent's perspective on what they feel would be beneficial to address their child's needs. Parents get support with writing effective response letters to the Child Study Team on topics like re-evaluations, Functional Behavior assessments, and requesting a new IEP meeting. During each meeting there is also time for an open discussion on questions and concerns. Due to overwhelming

response we will be holding 2 support groups starting in June (morning and afternoon). In addition, FRS Kasey Dudley and Dinnen Dibari, Nurse Manager at HUMC, have started the first Parents' Advisory Board for the HUMC Infant Child Development Department. The first meeting will be held on June 16. The Parent Advisory group will help diminish parents' isolation's and help parents to collectively voice family concerns, while increasing their influence on the care provided to their children, and improving their knowledge of community resources. Professionals will enhance their awareness of common family needs, increase their skills at collaborating with families, and be and feel more effective. Our overall goals for the parent advisory group will be to benefit families and professionals who care for them by (1) fostering collaborative relationships and communication, (2) increasing a sense of social support among families, (3) increasing families' knowledge of community resources, (4) increasing the parent voice within the ICD Department at HUMC; and (5) creating a "family-friendly" and fun environment within the Department. Kasey has also held two lunch-and-learn sessions for the HUMC staff on SPAN Awareness and her role. *Children's Specialized Hospital*: FRS Jeannette Mejias has supported 5 families attending two resolution meetings and one IEP meeting and has also supported a parent regarding transition and challenging behaviors. She attended a workshop on a sleep study given by Jill Harris. She is scheduled to present a Basic Rights Workshop on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **PARENT LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT & PARENT-PROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION**

**National Center for Family-Professional Partnerships:** SPAN collaborated with National Family Voices on a successful application to serve as the National Center for Family-Professional Partnerships for 2016-2019 (<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/progr.../familypropartnerships/index.html>). Funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), the NCFPP is one of six national centers funded to provide technical assistance to improve outcomes for children and youth with special healthcare needs (CYSHCN). SPAN's Executive Co-Director Diana Autin will serve as Project Co-Director with Nora Wells and Bev Baker of Family Voices. SPAN's focus in the new project will be on working with the network of Family to Family Health Information Centers (<http://mchb.hrsa.gov/programs/familytofamily/index.html>) and Maternal and Child Health Programs across the country to enhance their capacity to develop, engage, and support diverse family and youth leaders in systems change for CYSHCN. We will use materials from *Serving on Groups* ([www.servingongroups.org](http://www.servingongroups.org)) and *Leading by Convening: The Partnership Way* (<http://www.ideapartnership.org/bui.../the-partnership-way.html>) in this work. For more information, contact Diana Autin at 973-642-8100 x 105 or [diana.autin@spannj.org](mailto:diana.autin@spannj.org).

**Spread! Follow Up to Puerto Rico Site Visit:** Following their face-to-face training to teams of MCH professionals and parent leaders across maternal and child health and CSHCN in Puerto Rico, Mercedes Rosa and Jeannette Mejias will facilitate a series of 3 webinars in the month of June for Puerto Rico Title V and the teams representing both home visiting and children with special healthcare needs programs to prepare them to provide leadership training and support to parents from both programs on the island. The train the trainers and technical assistance is funded by the US Department of Health and Human Services Maternal and Child Health Bureau

under the MCHB Block Grant program. ***SPAN Visits China...and vice versa!*** SPAN's Diana Autin was invited by the US Department of State's Judith Heumann to visit China as part of a US Disability Delegation. Autin spent a week visiting early childhood programs, schools, and rehabilitation and employment sites in Beijing and Chengdu. She brought a jump-drive of over 50 resources in Chinese from SPAN and other parent centers around the country and shared it with the parent groups and schools she visited. A delegation of 10 parent leaders, disability advocacy groups, and service providers will be visiting NJ and NYC as a follow-up to the US delegation to China. SPAN is overseeing the site visits.

## **OTHER**

**Autism/Outreach Event:** In Partnership with the NJ DOH, we coordinated a successful Autism/Outreach training event on April 30, 2016. Approximately 70 diverse parent leaders and teens gathered in Hudson County to learn about autism programs/Early Detection and Monitoring services in NJ and the importance of the Birth Defects and Autism Registry from the DOH Program Team of Sandra Howell and Zenaida Steinhauer. We also featured 2 young adult self-advocates sharing their motivational stories about their journey with ASD and partnering with their parents, professionals and systems to achieve their collaborative goals. SPAN's CDC Act Early Ambassador Deepa Srinivasavaradan shared valuable tools and resources. Jeannette Mejias highlighted the Quick Peek Screening opportunities and scheduling process with families.

**Community of Care Consortium for Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs:** Join us for the next COCC meeting at the NJ DCF Professional Development Center in East Brunswick on Friday, July 15. Agenda items include an update on Diana Autin's trip to China, NJ's MCH Block grant application and D70 grant implementation, and time for the workgroups to meet. Please RSVP to Ayo Bajomo at [abajomo@spannj.org](mailto:abajomo@spannj.org).

**Cultural and Linguistic Competence:** Save the date for the annual conference of the NJ Statewide Network on Cultural Competence, Thursday, December 8, at Brookdale Community College. Submissions for papers and posters are due by July 1. You can submit your proposal online at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SuQCdDKD7rWAn8-URq4V-TPZvsaSfcfGJC\\_ED4VSC9g/viewform?c=0&w=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1SuQCdDKD7rWAn8-URq4V-TPZvsaSfcfGJC_ED4VSC9g/viewform?c=0&w=1). Register at [www.njsncc2016.eventbrite.com](http://www.njsncc2016.eventbrite.com). Dr. Michael Lu, head of the US Department of Health and Human Services Maternal and Child Health Bureau, will be the keynote speaker presenting on MCHB's new Health Equity Plan. The theme of the conference is Achieving Equity in Maternal, Child, and Family Health: A Call to Action.

**Maternal and Child Health Block Grant Hearing:** SPAN organized 10 diverse parents and 2 South Asian youth to testify at the MCH Block grant hearing regarding NJ's MCH services for women, infants, children, adolescents, and children with special healthcare needs. Testimony was heard by representatives across Maternal and Child Health including the new head of NJ MCH, Linda Asare. (Picture below).

**Diverse parent and youth leaders testifying at NJ DOH MCH Block Grant Hearing 2016**



# Coalición de Nacimiento & Lactancia del Condado de Essex

*Primera Reunión:*

**Viernes, 17 de junio de 2016**

**11:00 am**

**Oficina de SPAN Office – 3<sup>er</sup> Piso  
35 Halsey Street, Newark, NJ**

2016-2017  
PROXIMAS REUNIONES

*Septiembre 24*

*Noviembre 18*

*Enero 27*

*Marzo 24*

*Mayo 19*

LA REUNION ES ABIERTA A  
TODOS

*Apoyamos firmemente  
de manera individual  
a las mujeres/ familias  
para asistir a las  
reuniones de la  
Coalición*



El Proyecto de Mejoramiento de los Resultados del Embarazo del Condado de Essex County es un programa de la Red Estatal de Defensoría de Padres (SPAN) y es financiado por una subvención de los Servicios de Salud del Departamento de Salud de Nueva Jersey. Puedes contactar a SPAN en el 800-654-7726. Echa un vistazo a nuestra página web en [www.spanadvocacy.org](http://www.spanadvocacy.org)



Los datos demuestran que existe una relación entre la experiencia de las mujeres en el parto que afectan la tasa de lactancia materna, las interacciones madre e hijo, así como la participación de la paternidad y la depresión materna. Al reunir las conversaciones destinadas para colaborar en los servicios y programas, vemos una mesa redonda innovadora que se incorpora en base de fe, cuidado de niños, cuidado de salud y servicios sociales.

EBBC se reunirá para centrarse en los nacimientos y los que han nacido en el condado de Essex; para que nuestros recursos sean compartidos y se pueda mejorar el período prenatal en todas las familias.

**Para mas información favor de contactar:  
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