

FCC TASKFORCE SPOTLIGHT



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Meet Jennifer! She serves as an Executive Council Family Partner and Organizational Partner for the Family-Centered Care Taskforce.

How were you personally activated to advocate for and support NICU families?

My twins were born at 27 weeks gestation, and my son Micah tragically died from NEC just before their 1st birthday.

How does your organization/company/hospital support NICU families?

We propel NEC research, education, and advocacy.

What are the greatest needs of families in maternal-infant health you observe through your work?

Ensure families have their basic needs met so they can fully engage at the bedside during their child's time in the NICU.

What insight or advice do you have for healthcare professionals who want to implement/strengthen FCC practices in their hospital?

Families are desperate for any information and to meaningfully engage in their child's care.

What does being part of the FCC Taskforce mean to you personally?

Being part of the FCC Taskforce is a beautiful way for me to help other families in honor my son, Micah.

What is your greatest wish in terms of the positive impact the FCC Taskforce members can make together in maternal-infant health?

Ensuring families do not feel alone during the trauma of their NICU journey.

Is there anything you want our community to know?

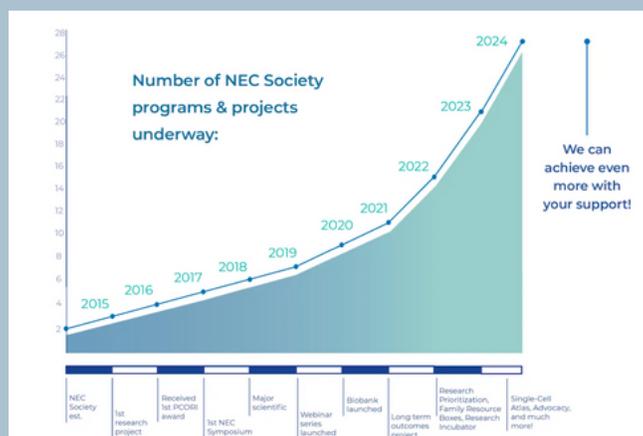
Thank you for your leadership!!

Healthcare partners are... *essential to empowering families with information necessary to advocate for their child.*

NICU & bereaved parents are... *powerful drivers of change and family-centered care.*



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