

FCC TASKFORCE SPOTLIGHT



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Meet Amy Finn! She serves as an Executive Council Family Partner for the Family-Centered Care Taskforce.

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

My husband, Jim and I welcomed our daughter in February 2020 - two months early due to a HELLP Syndrome diagnosis. We spent 21 days at our local NICU and came home as the world shut down for the COVID19 pandemic. We were lost and alone. I knew right away that if I was feeling so alone, there had to be others who were too and that did not sit well with me. We were connected with Project NICU and quickly joined their team of ambassadors to provide support and connection to other NICU parents just like us.

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

Project NICU, founded by Pam Frasco in Cleveland, OH, is dedicated to providing financial and emotional support to families with children in the NICU and to the medical teams that care for them. We offer virtual support, care packages, graduate programming, mental health counseling, and more!



Healthcare partners are... true gifts along this journey.

NICU & bereaved parents are... resilient, courageous, and the strongest people I know.

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

As a parent, it's common to feel like an observer in the NICU. However, being able to actively participate in care, have a voice in medical decisions, and be an integral part of the team truly makes us feel like parents!

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

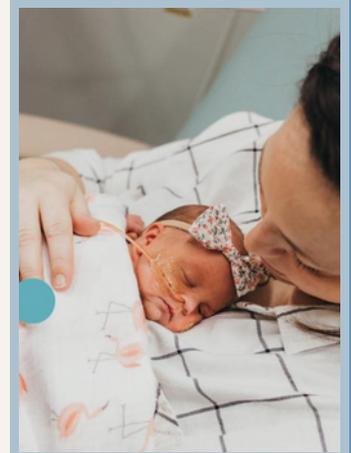
Emotional and psychosocial support: services such as counseling, support groups, and mental health resources to help parents cope with the emotional challenges of a NICU experience both during and after discharge.

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

It is a true honor to be part of the FCC Taskforce. The work this group is doing to advance care and connection for families in the NICU is incredible. I am proud to join such a distinguished team in furthering these efforts.

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

My greatest wish is for the FCC Taskforce members to continue driving positive change for families in the NICU. It's essential that no parent feels like an observer during their stay and that families remain united throughout their baby's time in the NICU.



Anything else you want our community to know?

I am proud to work alongside many incredible NICU parents and provide support to NICU families across the country every day. Using our experience to ensure other families do not feel alone is truly a gift.



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