

FCC TASKFORCE SPOTLIGHT



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Meet Fabiana Bacchini! 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 personal journey began with the premature birth of my twins. While in the NICU with my surviving son, Gabriel, we were part of the FICare (Family-Integrated Care) study. This had a profound impact on my life, as I was fully involved in his care and welcomed as part of the medical team. It helped me find my voice and advocate for him. While volunteering at Mount Sinai Hospital, I realized this practice is not standard in NICUs worldwide. This led me to join the FICare team, spreading awareness and supporting preemie families both in Canada and globally.

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

CPBF provides evidence-based educational materials, peer support groups, and collaborates with researchers, while advocating for policies that enhance care and outcomes for premature babies and their families.

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

Families need mental health support to cope with stress, clear communication from healthcare providers, and education on neonatal care. Access to resources, including financial support, transportation, and information about community services are essential for navigating the challenges of prematurity beyond discharge to create a truly supportive care environment.

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

Engage parents early as active partners, provide staff training to foster collaboration, and implement models like Family-Integrated Care. Encourage peer support, seek continuous feedback from families, and ensure long-term support beyond discharge

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

It represents a vital commitment to integrating families into the healthcare process, ensuring their voices are heard and valued. It is the only network actively working on concrete steps for implementation. This aligns with my belief in collaboration between healthcare providers and families to enhance care quality and outcomes.

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

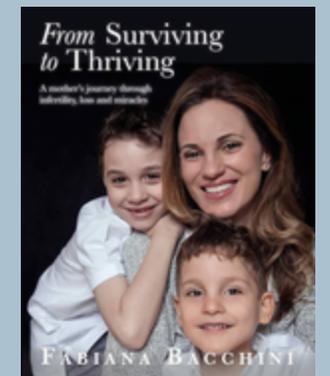
To create a transformative shift in maternal-infant health, where families are truly seen as essential partners in care. I envision a future where FCC practices are standard in every healthcare setting, leading to improved outcomes, enhanced emotional support, and better overall experiences for families.

Healthcare partners

are... the heroes in our journeys.

NICU & bereaved parents are...

navigating profound challenges while seeking support, understanding, and improved care for their children and families.



Anything else you want our community to know?

We need to continue to work together, face the challenges and find ways to create long lasting change that will impact future generations.



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