

## HOW IPN HAS ADVANCED PERINATAL CARE IN INDIANA AND THE UNITED STATES

Since 1998, the Indiana Perinatal Network has a proven track record of educating professionals, raising consumer awareness and promoting sound public policies. Since our founding we:

1. Led efforts to pass **10 legislative initiatives** related to:
  - Newborn hearing screening
  - Breastfeeding
  - Substance use during pregnancy
  - Unplanned pregnancy
2. Educated nearly 30 hospitals using the **Perinatal Continuing Education Program (PCEP)**
3. Convened over **40 highly successful educational conferences** impacting nearly 5,000 health and human service professionals
4. Produced and distributed 1,000 copies of a unique DVD on how to screen for **substance use during pregnancy**, and conducted trainings to hospitals throughout the state
5. Persuaded State Medicaid officials to **implement presumptive eligibility** for pregnant woman, resulting in more than 15,000 women enrolling in Medicaid in a timelier manner
6. Convened the **first-ever Perinatal Hospital Summit** attended by over 95 percent of delivering hospitals to receive up to date information and share best practices regarding the CDC mPINC breastfeeding hospital survey and the new Joint Commission Perinatal Core Measures
7. Assisted more than 1,000 employers to implement the provisions of **new workplace lactation support legislation** passed in the State of Indiana
8. **Increased the number of local breastfeeding coalitions** in the state by nearly 400%
9. Worked with grassroots organizations to **increase breastfeeding rates among African-American women** in one high-risk community by 29% in 6 months
10. Developed a new Perinatal Continuing Education Program curriculum and piloted efforts to **increase ongoing partnership between Level I, II and III hospitals**

## **External Recognition**

- **Recognized as national leaders** by HRSA, the CDC and the US Breastfeeding Committee for our breastfeeding promotion efforts
- Awarded the **National Perinatal Association State Perinatal Association Initiative Award** for outstanding contribution to maternal and child health in 2010, 2007, 2000, 1999, and 1998
- Selected as a finalist for the **Indianapolis Business Journal Health Care Heroes** award for our workplace lactation support efforts
- Won the **Indiana Society of Association Executives Star Award** for Best Community/Philanthropic program in the state for our Prenatal Substance Use DVD

## **Professional Publications**

- Two of our research projects were accepted for publication by the **Maternal and Child Health Journal**:
  - Lessons Learned from Pregnant and Parenting Women: The Value of the Learner's Stance
  - The Effects of Pregnancy Intention on Important Maternal Behaviors and Satisfaction with Care in a Socially and Economically At-Risk Population
- Our prenatal care guide outlining screening, education and counseling guidelines was published in a nursing educational textbook, **Maternal-Child Nursing Care: Optimizing Outcomes for Mothers, Children and Families**

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