40TH ANNUAL PERINATAL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION: BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN CLINICAL, COMMUNITY, SOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CARE TO IMPROVE PERINATAL OUTCOMES

JUNE 11-13, 2025

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

HILTON HOTEL, ALBANY, NY

WECOME TO THE 2025 NYSPA PERINATAL PARTNERSHIP CONFERENCE. *WE HOPE YOU TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OVER THE NEXT 2 DAYS TO CONNECT WITH COLLEAGUES FROM ACROSS NYS, MEET NEW COLLEAGUES AND LEARN FROM OUR HIGHLY TALENTED FACULTY, OUR POSTER PRESENTERS AND THE COMPANIES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE HERE TO SHARE THEIR INFORMATION WITH YOU.*

MANY THANKS TO OUR CONFERENCE SPONSORS WITHOUT WHOM THE COST OF ATTENDING THE CONFERENCE WOULD BE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER.

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MANY THANKS to the Conference Committee: **Co-Chairs:** Sharon Barron & Sally Dear-Healey

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Conference Coordinator: Sharon Chesna

Planning on applying for CMEs, CNEs, or CSWEs?

You should have indicated on your conference registration form if you intend to apply for credit. If you did not, please notify the registration staff ASAP. You also must sign in both days and be prepared to provide your license number and DOB. Everyone seeking credit must fill out a conference evaluation for all sessions and return it to the registration table before leaving the conference. Please note it may take up to 2 weeks for credit to be conferred.

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CONFERENCE EVALUATION FORMS: Conference Evaluation Forms are the Registration Table. Be certain to pick one up and complete as you go throughout the conference. If you need to leave the conference early, please complete for the portion of the conference you attended and turn in before you leave. Everyone returning a completed Evaluation Form will be eligible for drawing for a $25 VISA Gift Card.

Certificates of Attendance will be available Friday at the Registration Desk.

Start your day with the benefits of working out – choose the pool, the fitness center or

YOGA!

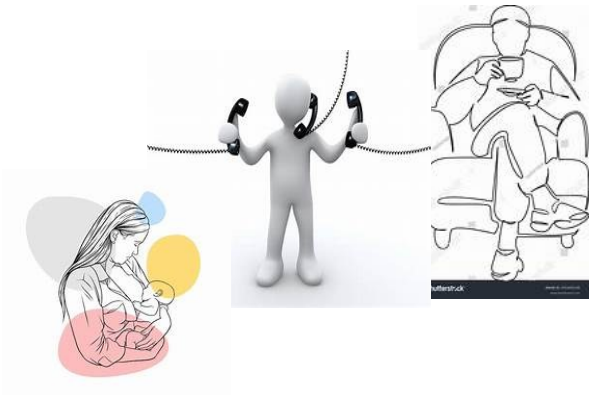
Governor F

6:30 am to 7:30 am

Need a Break? Nursing? Take a phone call? Have a 1:1 chat?

Stop into the **QUIET Room - EMPIRE A/B**

Located across from the Elevators conference level



CONFERENCE AGENDA & SESSION LOCATIONS

Thursday, June 12, 2025

7:30 - 8:45 **Registration, Exhibits & Posters** **East & West Gallery**
Registration begins at 7:30 and continues through 9:00am (and throughout the day).

7:30—9:00 am **Breakfast buffet**

845 - 8:55 **Welcome:** LuAnne Brown, NYSPA President; **Governor A/B**
Sharon Barron & Sally Dear-Healey Conference Co-Chairs

9:00 – 9:55 **Keynote: Cardiac Disease in Pregnancy – The ACOG Cardiac Bundle** **Governor A/B**
Loralei Thornburg, MD

10:00 - 10:50 **Plenary 2: Fathers in the Perinatal Period: Implications for Children, Families and Public Health**
Craig Garfield, MD **Governor A/B**

10:55 - 11:25 **Exhibits/Posters/Refreshments** **East & West Gallery, Governor D**

11:30 - 12:20 **Fireside Chat: Doula Services in NYS** **Governor A/B**
Moderator: Ashanda Saint Jean, MD
Panel: Kate Downes, Shannon Johns, Mary Powell Thomas, Chloe` Vial

12:25 - 1:25 **Lunch / NYSPA Annual Awards Program** **Hudson Ballroom**

1:30 - 2:25 **Plenary: Syphilis Resurgence: reversing course on maternal and congenital syphilis**
Rachel Hart-Malloy, PhD **Governor A/B**

2:30– 3:25 **Concurrent Sessions** **See page 5 for descriptions & room locations**

3:30 - 3:55 **Exhibits/Posters/Refreshments** **East & West Gallery, Governor D**

4:00 - 4:55 **Plenary: Utilizing Home Visiting Services to Improve Pregnancy and Infant Outcomes**
LuAnne Browne, Tina Cobb, Madeleine Dorval-Moller, Daynell Rowell-Stephens **Governor A/B**

5:00 - 6:00 ***NYSPA Welcome Reception:*** **East/West Gallery, Governor D**
Hors d'oeurves, Cash bar, Silent Auction, Exhibits, Posters & Networking

Discounted parking $10/day - See Registration Desk for a parking coupon

6:30 – 8:30 **ARPPN Dinner Meeting** (Invitation only) **Chamber Room**

Friday, June 13, 2025

6:30 – 7:30	**Yoga**	**Governor E**
7:30 – 9:00	**Breakfast/Exhibits/Abstracts & Networking**	**East/West Gallery/Governor E**
	Good morning! Please remember to sign-in if you want to receive continuing education credits	
7:30 - 8:30	**RPC Coordinators Meeting**	
9:00 – 9:10	**Welcome and review:** Ellen Tourtelot, NYSPA President	**Governor A/B**
9:10 – 10:00	**Keynote: Building Resilience and Problem-solving Skills to Improve Mental health Outcomes in Perinatal Patients** *Rachel Dumas RN, BSN*	**Governor A/B**
10:05 – 11:05	**Plenary: Healthcare in Rural New York: Challenges and Solutions for Improving Access and Outcomes** *Sally Dreslin, RN*	**Governor A/B**
11:05– 11:15	Exhibits & Posters	**East/West Gallery/Governor C**
11:20 – 12:15	**Concurrent Sessions** (see pages 6-7 for session descriptions & room locations)	
12:15 – 1:00	**Table Talks & Buffet Lunch (see page 8 for topics)**	**Governor A/B**
1:05 – 2:05	**Plenary: Environmental Impacts on Pregnancy & Birth Outcomes** Perry Sheffield, MD, Sarah Ventre`, MD	**Governor A/B**
2:40 – 3:00	**Closing**: Ellen Tourtelot, MD; NYSPA Board President	

Thanks so much for joining us this year!

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Mark Your Calendars now

New York State Perinatal Partnership 2026 Conference

June 11-12, 2026 (or 6/4-5, 2026)

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

Thursday workshops 2:30—3:25

Adverse Pregnancy Outcomes and their Impact on Women's Health *Michele Lauria* **Governor E**
Heart disease is the leading cause of death for women, with significant risks increasing in the years following pregnancy complications. Research shows that 80% of heart disease cases are preventable, and pregnancy itself acts as a stress test for a woman's body. This seminar will focus on the results from the Collaborative Perinatal Project and other population based studies that link certain pregnancy complications to higher risks of heart disease and diabetes, particularly within the first 10 years following childbirth.

Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System in New York State *Lauren Birnie, Stephanie Mack* **Governor D**
The Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS), first implemented in 1987, is a national surveillance project between state, territorial, or local health departments and CDC's Division of Reproductive Health. New York has two ongoing PRAMS projects – one for New York City (NYC) (NYCDHMH) and one for New York State (NYSDOH). These two projects coordinate and collaborate with one another to advance maternal and child health across the state. For this workshop, the NYS and NYC PRAMS teams will provide an overview of PRAMS methods and operations, provide a demonstration the NYS PRAMS Data Dashboard (which makes NYS and NYC PRAMS findings readily available to the public), and present results from some recent analyses and collaborations with state and local health partners. Use of the PRAMS data helps guide practice and policy, and build and strengthen partnerships between state and local perinatal health professionals and the PRAMS teams.

Implementation of the Hospital Doula-Friendliness Guidebook: Building a Bridge Between Healthcare Providers and Community-Based Doula *Allison Whitney, Nicole Jean Baptiste, Amaya Langaigne, Ashanda Saint Jean* **Governor A/B**
The panel will consist of 4 panelists including a doula, midwife, OB/GYN, and doula-supported client who either worked at or gave birth at an MHQIN doula-friendly hospital. The goal is to showcase the different perspectives of those involved in a patient's maternity care team at a hospital that has implemented the hospital doula-friendliness model. Speakers will begin with a brief introduction of the Hospital Doula-Friendliness Guidebook (each workshop attendee will receive a copy of the guidebook (will be referenced during session). Discussion will include a range of 5-7 questions that will address the following themes: implementation of a doula-friendly hospital policy, increasing staff and patient knowledge of doula support, integration of doulas into the maternity care team, and the overall benefits of having doula support within a hospital that is accepting of and inclusive of doulas.

Lose Dose, Big Benefits *Meryl Grimaldi, MD and Darcy Dryer* **State A/B**
Preeclampsia is defined as an elevated blood pressure after 20 weeks of pregnancy with clinical signs that one's brain, liver and kidneys are not functioning properly. It affects 1 out of 25 pregnancies and is a leading cause of maternal mortality. Black women are 60% more likely to have preeclampsia. Low dose aspirin is currently recommended for individuals at high-risk and moderate-risk for preeclampsia yet it is dramatically underutilized. This session will be a PowerPoint followed by a case study of a hospital that, after studying their patient population, implemented universal recommendation of low dose aspirin. This will be followed by a discussion and an opportunity for questions.

Mental Health without Borders: Social Work & Nursing Strategies for Supporting Migrant and Asylum-seeking Families
Rosa Bramble Caballero, Monika Estrada Guzman, Susana Yaldiz **AnteRoom** (lobby level– thru restaurant at left back)
Presenters will discuss the unique mental health challenges faced by pregnant/postpartum migrant and asylum-seeking patients, including trauma and stress and suggest strategies for assisting pregnant/postpartum migrant and asylum-seeking patients in navigating healthcare systems and accessing integrative maternal health services and medical care by implementing culturally, trauma-informed, integrated maternal mental health care practices to address the effects of past trauma on maternal health and motherhood.

Health Literacy *Wilma Alvarado-Little* **Capital A/B**

Friday Workshops 11:20—12:15

Nine Losses, One Mission: Bridging Gaps in Perinatal Care through Clinical, Community, and Mental Health Collaboration
Rachel Dumas, RN **Governor A/B**

Using her lived experience of nine pregnancy losses, the presenter will share interactive case studies to enable participant to make decisions at key stages of care and identify gaps impacting outcomes. Through group discussion, we will explore how integrating clinical, social, and mental health support can improve perinatal outcomes. Attendees will leave with strategies for implementing interdisciplinary care and improving patient advocacy and empowerment.

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Social Care Networks *Emily Engel* **Governor E**

New York State Medicaid has established regional Social Care Networks (SCNs. The Social Care Networks are responsible for building a robust Network of Community-Based Organizations (CBOs) and other organizations providing health-related social needs services and coordinating with health care providers (inclusive of behavioral health and primary care providers). This session will share information on SCN's responsibility to ensure there is a seamless, consistent, coordinated, end-to-end process in their region for Screening, Navigation, and delivery of health-related social needs services. Social Care Network Lead Entities also engage a broader ecosystem of partners to achieve their goals, including health insurance plans, local government, and child & family supports. Attendees will learn what services are available through the SCNs and how to refer Medicaid members to them for services, and how your agency/program can participate in a social care network and be paid for services.

Intimate Partner Violence: An (Advanced) Guide to the understanding and Prevention of a "Third Rail" Issue from a Trauma-informed Perspective *Sally Dear-Healey* **Capital A/B**

This presentation will focus on awareness, recognition, and prevention strategies to stop/mediate interpersonal violence during the pre- and post-natal periods in a manner that does not reflect our own biases and fears as well as our individual beliefs, attitudes & behaviors.

Vaccines in Pregnancy and Vaccine Hesitancy/combatting misinformation *Sarah Hershey* **State A/B**

This presentation will provide information on the current recommendations for vaccines during pregnancy and benefits of key vaccines. The topic of vaccine hesitancy will also be addressed with information on addressing vaccine hesitancy.

Friday Lunch Topic Tables

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Due to popularity last year, we are once again offering Topic Tables for you to join during lunch on Friday. Lunch will be quick-pick sandwiches and accompaniments. You can choose to join a topic table where the table host will welcome you and start off the topic, then encouraging everyone to share any info you have on the topic or ask a question to the host or the group. This is a great opportunity to gather a bit more information on a particular topic, express concern or challenges related to the topic and just further your connections with others who share your interest in the topic.

No one is required to stay at a table for the entire 40 minutes—you can choose to leave or join another table or take a break before the afternoon session.

Birth Trauma	**Sally Dear-Healey**
Federal Government Mandates & Impact on agencies/services	
Doulas	**Kate Downes**
Doulas	**Mary Powell-Thomas**
CHW services	**Brook Pate**
Fathers and Parental Depression	**Brett Scudder**
Not on My Watch - prevention maternal mortality	**Sandra Asanjarani**
Perinatal Bereavement – Customs and NYS laws	**Sharon Barron, Jo Leonard**
Perinatal mental health and bereavement	**Rachel Dumas**
Perinatal Advocacy	**Darcy Dreyer**
Reproductive Justice	**Ashanda Saint Jean**
Social Care Networks	**Emily Engle**
NYS Law/mandate re: 20 weeks – requirement to use funeral home	
1115 Waiver – Questions & Answers	**Heather Ingram**
Perinatal Mental Health and Peer Support	**Sonia Murdock**

POSTERS—Governor C

Clinical/Scientific

Evaluation of Neonatal ICU Written Education Materials: A Health Literacy Initiative
Samantha Sobie ssobie@angeleyehealth.com

Addressing Accuracy of Transcutaneous and Total Serum Bilirubin Measurements in a Multiracial-Multiethnic Population Chaithanya Avanthika avanthic@nychhc.org

Projected Impact of Rising Temperatures on Preterm Birth Rates across New York State
Sophia Milazzo Sophia.milazzo@mssm.edu

Just What the Doctor Ordered: Prescribing Environmental Health Interventions in Prenatal Care
Sophia Milazzo Sophia.milazzo@mssm.edu

MRI Pelvimetry and Vaginal Breech Delivery: A Narrative Review
Emily O'Dell ero2111@cumc.columbia.edu

Birth Centers vs. Hospitals: Maternal and Neonatal Outcomes in Low-Risk Pregnancies
Alaina Hernandez, Danya Kelly
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Reducing NTSV C/S Rate at an Urban Academic Medical Center
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Community/Public Health

Household Exposures Prevention Program: Collaboration between Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network and WNY Children's Environmental Health Center
Rachel Robinson, Michelle Larimore, Sarah Ventre, LuAnne Brown, Marixsa Sanchez
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MATTERS as a Resource for Addressing Barriers to Perinatal Opioid Use Treatment
Raven Manchester rmanchester@mattersnetwork.org

From Client to Community Health Worker: Process and Preliminary Outcomes of a CHW Internship Program
Renee Cadzow, Angelica Lagares, Airmaliz Llerandez, Marixsa Sanchexz, Whitney Mendel
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Biomarin	kerry.flynnscala@bmrn.com	29
Boston IVT	EDeBrita@bostonivf.com	30
Exceltis	megangilbertwhnp@gmail.com	18
Friends in Adoption	clarice@friendsinadoption.org	4
Hunger Solutions	Emily.DiMuria@hungersolutionsny.org	12
Huntleigh Healthcare	john_strasinski@arjo.com	11
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MATTERS	pmcnamara@mattersnetwork.org	3
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NYS Dept of Health- Perinatal Quality collaborative		**13**
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NYS Dept of Health Immunization		**17**
NYS Dept of Health Family Planning		**15**
NYS Dept of Health Early Hearing, Screening & Detection		**16**
NYS Mental Health Association	cabbott@mhanys.org	5
NYS Office of Addiction Services and Support (OASAS)	jessica.sorbello@oasas.ny.gov	25
NYS Office of Mental Health	laura.payack@omh.ny.gov	24
Postpartum Resource Center of NY	sonia@postpartumny.org	**10**
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Quest Diagnostics	Jennifer.G.Marineau@QuestDiagnostics.com	27
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Perinatal Networks & Perinatal infant community health collaboratives

Regional Perinatal Centers

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