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PACPI LAUNCHES PREGNANTANDPOSTIVE.ORG

The Pediatric AIDS Chicago Prevention Initiative (PACPI) launched a brand new provider and consumer-focused, comprehensive website this month. The site, pregnantandpositive.org, is designed to inform HIV-positive pregnant women, or those wanting to become pregnant, of the services available in Illinois to help them give birth to HIV-negative and healthy babies.

PACPI Executive Director Anne Statton says: *“At last we have yet another great online resource to guide women in the right direction toward living healthy lives with HIV. Our new website is full of great information to help women make conscious health choices so they can take power of their health and the health of their babies. We welcome everyone to visit the new website to learn about HIV/AIDS, pregnancy, preventing HIV transmission to babies, and the services available to families affected by HIV. We also hope this website becomes a handy tool for service providers and health professionals.”*

PACPI is known for their dedication and successes in eliminating pediatric AIDS in Illinois for the past nine years. The organization was nationally recognized by the CDC as a national model for preventing transmission of HIV from mothers to babies. This year, PACPI was recognized by the Lodestar Foundation for their co-location with the AIDS Foundation of Chicago in their efforts to mutually collaborate on policy and case management initiatives benefitting families affected by HIV.

Anne Statton added: *“We are in a technology driven society and the fight against HIV/AIDS must collaborate with that trend. We hope the new site becomes a hub for information sharing on perinatal HIV transmission prevention and a tool for anyone to use in this fight against HIV/AIDS.”*

What you can get from PACPI’s new website, pregnantandpositive.org:

- Links to the Illinois 24/7 Perinatal HIV Hotline website (hivpregnancyhotline.org), HIV-specific prenatal classes, perinatal HIV prevention advocacy
- Information about specialty care services, case management, and rapid testing services in Illinois
- Current treatment guidelines and HIV/AIDS data
- Stories of HIV-positive mothers

For more information about pregnancy, HIV and preventing perinatal HIV transmission, please visit PACPI’s new website at pregnantandpositive.org or email PACPIDevelopment@gmail.com.

PACPI is dedicated to eliminating deaths from pediatric AIDS and to reducing the transmission of the virus from mothers to their children in the state of Illinois.

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