OUR VISION

BPPN is the recognized leader in mitigating the social bias, which impact health and maximize the sustainable opportunities for healthy births and self-sufficient families through community collaboration.

Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network (BPPN) was incorporated in 1987 as a not-for-profit community-based organization that focuses on improving the health of Erie County’s women of childbearing age, children and their families. We offer integrated services delivered by professionally trained staff including Community Health Workers, Family Support Specialists and Fatherhood Advocates. We also receive great support from committed volunteers and community contributors who are trusted members of the community they serve.

Our services are available free of charge to families in designated zip codes, regardless of religious orientation, race, culture or gender.

Please call (716) 884-6711 for more information on which areas we serve. 86% of our service providers are African- or Hispanic-American, and 31% of our staff speak Spanish.

TESTIMONIALS

I prayed for my son daily when I was pregnant not knowing what would happen being so unprepared for this journey. Not having a close family or an active mother. This program was the very thing that was my saving grace. I needed someone and you guys were there. I am now confident as a mother. My casewarker was so supportive and generous to my son and I. To know we were backed by someone who really cared made that difference I was searching for since I was a kid. They say anywhere is better than nowhere and I thank the Lord I landed here. Andrea H.

Their whole company is designed to help new Mother’s with parenting techniques, advice, and someone who comes out to check up on you and your baby. I got to do my interview at home because of transportation issues, because like I mentioned they come see you! I know that I can call her anytime and she gives me helpful suggestions and tips. Everyone sees me as a great mom because my casewarker always has something good to say about me and even helps her other families based on my parenting. Jessica C.

I’ve been in the MICHIC program for almost 2 years. I called them to see if I could join. I just love my worker because she is so helpful and dependable. When I was struggling with some things she listened and helped me get some things I didn’t have. Laura S.

Taking this program seriously, means taking my family serious.” – Nurturing Fathers Program - Rodney J.
Buffalo Prenatal-Perinatal Network, Inc. provides home-based programs and case management to parents, babies and young children who suffer the social and economic determinants which put them at risk for adverse health and parenting outcomes. Through our home visits which are focused on good prenatal and perinatal healthcare, healthy family planning, successful parenting, fatherhood engagement, and self-sufficiency, we cut in half the number of babies who are born pre-term or at low birth weight in our program. This saves three-quarters of a million dollars in healthcare costs annually.

- Ensured a 96% attendance rate at prenatal and healthy baby visits. By their first birthday, 97% of our children are up to date on their immunizations and 99% are screened for lead.
- Achieved 77% breastfeeding initiation rate for our participants compared with only 33% of their peers. Research documents show that breastfeeding enhances a child’s immunity and that breastfed children have higher IQs.

Our Responsible Fatherhood Initiative engages fathers to support their involvement and assume ongoing accountability for the well-being of their children, their families, and their community.

75% of our health comes not from our genetics but from where we live, what we eat, and other factors. We provide referrals and assist in gaining access as needed to community services including food, clothing and housing.

We are culturally competent in the fight to reduce race-based health disparities in health outcomes because we identify and address problems of adequacy, acceptability and accessibility.

86% of our staff share ethnicity, language, socioeconomic status and life experiences with the community members they serve, with 31% Spanish fluent.

WHAT DOES BUFFALO PREGNATAL PERINATAL NETWORK DO?
- Provide Home-based Services.
- Use professionally trained staff representative of the community they serve.

Assist women of childbearing age before, during and after pregnancy and custodial and non-custodial fathers.
- Conduct an assessment of the participants needs, and work with them to prioritize and meet their needs.
- Assist in obtaining health insurance and a connection to a primary care physician.
- Provide Participant Cross-referrals and gain access to a variety of community services as needed including food, clothing, housing, etc.
- Educate on numerous topics including the importance of early prenatal care, postpartum care, Breastfeeding, Pediatric Immunizations, HIV AIDS, use of Folic Acid to help prevent birth defects, parenting skills, etc.
- Facilitate support groups.
- Provide safe sleep education and a site for the Crib for Kids program.
- Our programs include the NYS Department of Health MICHIC, Healthy Families NY/Home Visiting and Responsible Fatherhood Initiative.
- Enhance family self-sufficiency.