



# THE NEW HAVEN MOMS PARTNERSHIP NEWSLETTER

## New Haven MOMS Partnership hosts director of White House Office of Social Innovation



By Christopher Gardner

The director of the White House Office of Social Innovation visited with representatives from the New Haven Mental Health Outreach for Mothers (MOMS) Partnership on October 21 to commend the organization for promoting the well-being of mothers and children.

David Wilkinson told those assembled at the West Rock Authors' Academy that there has been no higher priority to President Barack Obama than to provide ladders of economic opportunity and growth in communities like New Haven, and that the president is aware that the New Haven MOMS Partnership is helping to execute that agenda.

Wilkinson was joined by Roderick L. Bremby, commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Social Services; New Haven Mayor Toni N. Harp; John H. Krystal, MD, Professor of Neuroscience and Chair of the Yale Department of Psychiatry; Richard Jacob, Associate Vice President for Federal and State Relations at Yale; Megan V. Smith, DrPH, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Director of New Haven MOMS Partnership, and about three dozen supporters of the organization.

New Haven MOMS Partnership is a collaborative of the Yale School of Medicine, Clifford Beers Clinic, the Connecticut Department of Children and Families, City of New Haven, Elm City Communities Housing Authority of New Haven, National Diaper Bank Network, Maternal and Child Health, New Haven Healthy Start, and The New Haven Diaper Bank.

Its mission is to unite women and their families with people and institutions dedicated to the emotional wellness of mothers in order to create generations of children that flourish, succeed, and achieve.

Smith, who has received numerous awards for her work with the organization, thanked the many people who work with her to reach mothers and families in the community.

"I always say it's not me, it's all of us," she said, before turning to Wilkinson and adding, "It's nice to know there is this level of support for the work we are doing."

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## Connect With MOMS Partnership throughout New Haven

Meet MOMS Partnership staff and get information about how you can participate in research studies related to stress management, and job readiness.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Gateway Community College 20 Church St 9am—12pm  LULAC Head Start 375 James St 3:30pm—5pm	Gateway Community College 20 Church St 5pm—7pm	Gateway Community College 20 Church St 5pm—7pm  Wilson Library 303 Washington Ave 3:30pm—5pm  Downtown Library 133 Elm St 3pm—6:30pm	Gateway Community College 20 Church St 11am—2pm	LULAC Head Start 375 James St 3:30pm—5pm

**If you are a mother or female primary caregiver you can receive a \$10 gift card for completing our screening questionnaire to see if you qualify.**



### ARE YOU CURRENTLY PREGNANT AND SMOKING CIGARETTES?

You may be eligible to participate in the MOMBA LIVELONG research study

\*Eligible participants may receive an iPhone 5S\*

To learn more and to see if you are eligible call

Kimberly Streater

203-764-7630



### Events and Programs Around New Haven

**Family, Fun, and Fit Night:** Bishop Woods School • January 20 4:30pm—7pm • Activities, giveaways and workshops for children and families.

**Elm City Communities Housing Fair:** 295 Wilmot Rd • December 14 4pm—8pm • Holiday party and Health Fair for families.

**Family Science Night:** West Rock Authors Academy • 311 Valley St • January 12 5pm—7pm • Participate in some fun and easy experiments.

## MOMS Partnership Course Announcements

The MOMS Partnership is happy to announce that we will be offering our Stress Management Series in Spanish beginning December 15th.

For more details on upcoming Stress Management or Workforce classes through the MOMS Partnership, please call (203) 764-7374

## Parent and Family Development Center

Parents and caregivers play a very important role in the health and wellness of their children. Beginning in 2017, the Parent and Family Development Center will offer programs and services that honor and strengthen this essential relationship, so that parents/caregivers can support healthy development in their children, and help them cope with stressful experiences.



Please call Betsy Olivencia at (203) 764-7374 for more information about the services that will be offered to families as part of the new Parent and Family Development Center.

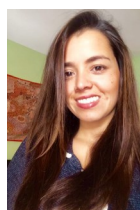
## The Farnam Community



The New Haven MOMS Partnership will be working closely in collaboration with The Farnam Community in a continued effort to reach the Fair Haven neighborhood. Both programs seek to increase their reach in the community and inform community members of the many resources available to them. Farnam Community and the MOMS Partnership will be coordinating events and outreach in the near future.

## MEET THE STAFF OF THE NEW HAVEN MOMS PARTNERSHIP

### Site Coordinator—40 Temple St.



**Samara Zuniga** is a Site Coordinator in the New Haven Mental Health Outreach for MotherS (MOMS) Partnership has been a bilingual Research Assistant at the Yale school of Medicine for over 5 years. Much of her research experienced has been focused on child development and working with families in the community. As a mother of two and a New Haven Resident, it has become a great focus and desire to bring strength, well-being and overall growth to families in the New Haven neighborhood.

# New Haven MOMS Partnership

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## Hub Locations

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## Guide Team Member Organizations

- Clifford Beers Clinic
- State of Connecticut Department of Children and Families
- City of New Haven
- Elm City Communities Housing Authority of New Haven
- National Diaper Bank Network
- Maternal and Child Health
- New Haven Healthy Start
- The New Haven Diaper Bank
- Yale School of Medicine