

Infant Health Policy Summit 2019

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The National Coalition for Infant Health is a collaborative of more than 180 professional, clinical, community health, and family support organizations focused on improving the lives of premature infants through age two and their families. NCfIH's mission is to promote lifelong clinical, health, education, and supportive services needed by premature infants and their families. NCfIH prioritizes safety of this vulnerable population and access to approved therapies.

“The fifth annual Infant Health Policy Summit welcomed health care providers, parents, regulators, advocates and other stakeholders to explore how policy solutions can keep infants and their families safe and healthy.”

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“The National Coalition for Infant Health sponsored a diaper drive in conjunction with the summit, collecting more than 2,000 diapers for the Greater DC Diaper Bank. Learn more about the National Coalition for Infant Health’s policy priorities and advocacy initiatives online at www.infanthealth.org.”

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National Coalition for Infant Health Values (SANE)

Safety. Premature infants are born vulnerable. Products, treatments and related public policies should prioritize these fragile infants’ safety.

Access. Budget-driven health care policies should not preclude premature infants’ access to preventative or necessary therapies.

Nutrition. Proper nutrition and full access to health care keep premature infants healthy after discharge from the NICU.

Equality. Prematurity and related vulnerabilities disproportionately impact minority and economically disadvantaged families. Restrictions on care and treatment should not worsen inherent disparities.

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