



Jericho Road's Priscilla Project

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JERICHO ROAD
COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

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works to achieve healthy birth outcomes by empowering socially isolated, at-risk women as they go through the process of pregnancy, labor, and delivery in the United States. Volunteer mentors and on-staff doulas work with refugee and immigrant women, as well as native-born American women to reach a healthy birth weight for their babies (5.5 pounds or larger) and have a full-term pregnancy.

Women in the program receive education in their own language and develop a birth plan with a doula. Doulas are able to advocate for clients based on their individual wishes. Priscilla Project clients also attend mentor/mentee events, where they learn about other services available to them in Buffalo.

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INFORMATION FOR REFERRAL AGENCIES

Refugee and non-refugee women with one or more of these qualities may be eligible to participate in the Priscilla Project:

- Expecting her first child (some exceptions are made for others)
- Non-English speaking or not comfortable speaking English
- Minimal social support
- At-risk or complicated pregnancy

Why refer a client to the Priscilla Project?

- 95% of clients give birth to healthy birth weight babies
- 92% of clients carry their babies to full term
- 84% of clients receive breastfeeding support after being discharged from the hospital through our weekly Baby Café or through one-on-one meetings with their community health worker
- 85% of clients receive car seat education from a certified car seat technician

How to refer a client to the Priscilla Project:

A referral form is available on our website at jrhc.org/programs/priscilla-project-buffalo. The completed form can be submitted to priscilla.project@jrhc.org.

INFORMATION FOR MENTORS

Why become a Priscilla Project mentor?

Here's what current and former Priscilla Project mentors have to say about their experience:

"The warm and loving welcome from the families has been the most wonderful gift." -Whitney M.

"The Priscilla Project has given me the opportunity to build bridges across cultural, religious, and language barriers. I have made life-long friendships that enrich my life in many unexpected ways." -Donna D.

The Priscilla Project provides monthly workshops dedicated to topics specifically designed for mentors, such as ESL training, supporting someone in labor, dealing with infant loss, and trauma-informed care. The program also offers dedicated support for each match from a qualified case manager and a community health worker.

How do I become a Priscilla Project mentor?

Mentors must be available for a minimum of one hour per week until six months post-partum. After completing a volunteer application, you will be interviewed by Priscilla Project staff and pertinent documentation will be submitted for a background check. A successful applicant will attend a volunteer orientation and be paired with a Priscilla Project client.

If you are interested in learning more about the program or beginning the process to become a Priscilla Project mentor, please call our volunteer coordinator at 716-348-3000 ext. 614 or email volunteer@jrhc.org. If you are a good match for the program, you will attend an orientation session that will provide you with a greater understanding of our mentee population and tools for a positive mentoring relationship.



Services provided by the Priscilla Project

- Assessment by a community health worker
- Education on prenatal nutrition and baby care, doula services, and birth plan development in native language
- Referrals to donation centers for clothing and baby supplies
- Social outings and support events
- Opportunity to be matched with a mentor
- Breastfeeding support and weekly Baby Café
- Opportunity to be enrolled in Parents as Teachers program, which provides support up to age 2
- In-house interpretation services

Ways to support the Priscilla Project other than mentoring

- Provide and lead workshop for mentees and/or mentors
- Plan and implement a fundraising event
- Plan and implement a fun activity for mentees and mentors
- Give needed items to the Priscilla Project. Please call to schedule a drop-off. All gifts are tax-deductible.
 - Diapers and wipes
 - New or gently used baby clothing (0-6 months) – no stains or tears
 - New car seats, pack'n'plays, strollers, high chairs
 - Other relevant donations may be accepted. Please call to check.