

Mother/Caregiver Organizations Resource List **NOW-NJ MER Task Force Action Kit**

Family Pride Coalition -- "The mission of the Family Pride Coalition is to advance the well-being of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered parents and their families through mutual support, community collaboration, and public understanding."

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Washington, DC 20035-5327

Family and Home Network -- "Universal recognition of the critical importance of parents' emotional engagement with their children; societal support for the need of parents and children to spend generous amounts of time together; profound respect for parents who make these commitments and acknowledgement of the short-and long-term benefits to society." Politically conservative.

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9493-C Silver King Court

Fairfax, VA 22031

Holistic Moms Network -- " Members share a common bond: a desire to be the best parents possible by providing our children with a physical, psychological, and spiritual environment that will nourish them and allow them to reach their greatest potential." Holistic lifestyle/Alternative parenting advocacy.

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Caldwell, NJ 07006

La Leche League --" Founded in 1956 by seven women who had learned about successful breastfeeding while nursing their own babies, La Leche League is the only organization with the sole purpose of helping breastfeeding mothers. Now 8,000 Leaders and 3,000 local Groups strong in the United States alone, La Leche League Groups meet regularly in communities worldwide to share breastfeeding information and mothering experience." Breastfeeding advocacy.

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Mocha Moms -- Mocha Moms is a support group for stay at home mothers of color who have chosen not to work full-time outside of the home in order to devote more time to their families. Pro-marriage.

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MOPS (<http://www.gospelcom.net/mops/>) /
Moms in Touch (<http://www.momsintouch.org/>)
-- Social, support & playgroups for evangelical Christian mothers.

MOMs Club International (<http://www.momsclub.org/welcome.html>) -- At-home mothers social and support group with emphasis on playdates and mommy and me events. Non-political and does not accept outside solicitors.

Mothers And More, International -- "Mothers & More is a non-profit organization dedicated to improving the lives of mothers through support, education and advocacy. We address mothers' needs as individuals and members of society, and promote the value of all the work mothers do." A well developed catalog of workshops and meeting ideas about mothers economic rights. A vocal and tireless group of advocates working for the next phase of the women's movement. Members are mostly at-home mothers or mothers working in the part-time, salaried workforce.

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Elmhurst, Illinois 60126

Mothers Acting Up -- "Dedicated to mobilizing the gigantic political strength of mothers* to ensure the health, education and safety of every child, not just a privileged few. We realize that we live in a world that does not prioritize or protect our children's well-being and that this will not change without each of us finding the courage and commitment to speak out on their behalf". Radical Mothers Day Parades on stilts.

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The Motherhood Project/Institute for American Values -- " The mission of the Motherhood Project is to help put motherhood on the national agenda and foster a renewed sense of purpose, passion and power in the vocation of mothering in both the private and public spheres. Our goals are to move the public discourse about motherhood forward to promote a deeper appreciation of the contributions mothers make to children and society and bring fresh knowledge to bear to help mothers meet the unprecedented challenges of mothering in the 21st century." Politically conservative, pro-marriage. Hosted the Barnard College "A Call to Mothers" Symposium. Active in bringing mothers groups together to discuss issues of childrearing and motherhood.

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National Association of Mothers Centers/

MOTHERS (Mothers Ought To Have Equal Rights) -- NAMC, founded in 1975, is a national mothers organization working to develop community and support networks between mothers. Founded in collaboration with writers Ann Crittenden & Naomi Wolf, NAMC's MOTHERS incentive works to educate the public to the urgent need for societal advancements to forward the economic rights of mothers.

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Websites - <http://www.motherscenter.org>

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c/o National Association of Mothers' Centers

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National Organization of Single Mothers (NOSM) -- Dedicated to helping single moms by choice or chance face the daily challenges of life with wisdom, wit, dignity, confidence and courage since 1991.

Contact: Andrea Engber

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Newcomers Club/Welcome Wagon (<http://www.newcomersclub.com>)-- Clubs and organizations designed to give people new to the area the opportunity to meet and develop friendships with others who live in the area. Many of these groups have general meetings and interest groups which encourage members to learn about their new city, its culture, activities, lifestyle, and to develop friendships by sharing interests and hobbies with each other. Some of the groups in the directory include New Neighbors, Welcome Friends, Friends & Families, American Women's Club, Welcome Club, Cordial Caravan, Welcome Wagon Social Club and more. Non-political.

For more information regarding NOW-NJ Mothers' Economic Rights Task Force, Chapter MER TF development, or to receive additional action kits, please contact Laurie Pettine at mertf_info@nownj.org or 973-214-2643.