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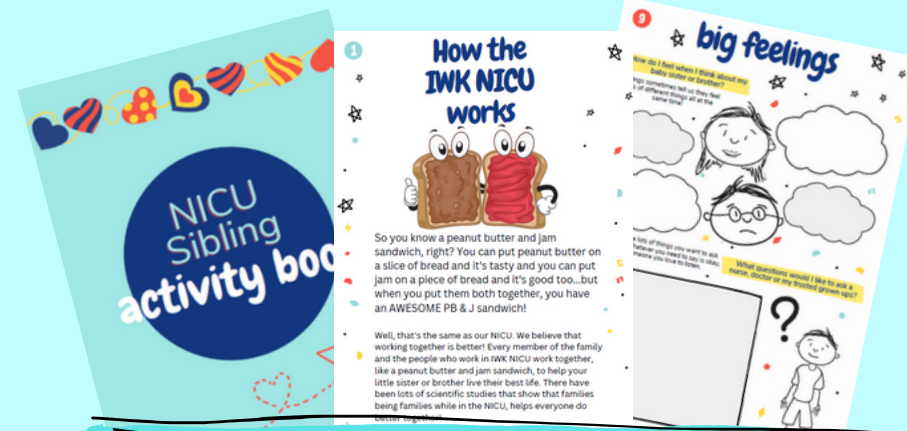
the IWK NICU Parent Partner Program Post-Pandemic



With COVID Restrictions in place, the thriving IWK NICU Parent Partner Program (PPP) came to a near-halt. Our team quickly had to come up with creative ways to maintain a level of peer support and keep family voice present in the Health Centre. Some changes have positive elements but by and large, the Program was struggling. Now, with the world opening up again, the PPP is moving full-steam ahead!



**Mothers' Day Mocktails and
Fathers' Day Gaming Night**



**Sibling Activity book to keep
siblings engaged in NICU and at
home**



**Weekly in-person
Snack 'n' Chat resumes**



**Outdoor Ice Cream Music Night
with NICU families and graduates**

Positive Pivots

- NICU committees went virtual. IWK Parent Partners living in NS, NB and PEI could participate alongside healthcare providers
- Going virtual allowed for Parent Partner Volunteers to sit on interview panels hiring healthcare providers
- Virtual post-NICU Connect Group allowed for peer support opportunities after NICU