

**From Marginalized to Community Assets:
Optimizing Service Delivery through Asset-Based
Community Assessment in the Perinatal Networks
*A Workgroup Symposium***

When: Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Where: Marist College
Lowell Thomas Communication Center
Room 125
Poughkeepsie, New York

Time: 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
(Full Lunch Provided by Sponsors)

RSVP: Deadline is January 15, 2011 via online registration --
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XRLQ2B3>

Or email/phone/fax **Di Kelly/Lyn Paul** below for additional information/web support

Sponsors: Adelphi University School of Social Work (AUSSW)
Lower Hudson Valley Perinatal Network
Vassar Brothers Medical Center
Maternal Infant Service Network
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Who Should Attend? Service Providers who offer prenatal care and parent resources and education, mental health services, WIC, childbirth and breastfeeding education, substance abuse services, along with abuse and domestic violence prevention and services.



What is the Workgroup Symposium? – The *perinatal workgroup symposium* brings together providers from across Hudson Valley’s seven counties to identify challenges and opportunities in perinatal service delivery and positively transform Hudson Valley’s at-risk communities to ensure the health and well-being of families with young children. There are less than 2.4 million residents in the Hudson Valley region, with many residents living in high-risk communities plagued by risk factors that profoundly diminish perinatal health and quality of life. The *perinatal workgroup symposium* moves participants from a “needs assessment focus” to an asset-based focus as a means of transforming communities to promote maternal, paternal and child health. With attention being on “communities” and not “individuals,” participants are invited from across the region to 1) identify gaps in at-risk communities (i.e. high risk zip codes); 2) discuss the tools of asset-based community assessments; and 3) categorize innovative tools, programs and relationships that build upon, if not promote, these assets to transform at-risk communities.

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